



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Brussels, 7 September 2012

13521/12

GENVAL 61

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Working Party on General Matters, including Evaluations (GENVAL)
on: 5 September 2012
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 4172/1/12 was adopted, with the addition of one item under any other business (point 9).

2. Fifth round of mutual evaluations - Adoption on the Report on Czech Republic

11812/1/12 GENVAL 44 RESTREINT UE

The report was adopted.

3. Fifth round of mutual evaluations - Adoption of the Report on Slovenia

11482/1/12 REV 1 GENVAL 41 RESTREINT UE

The report was adopted.

4. Fifth round of mutual evaluations - Presentation of the final report

12657/12 GENVAL 51 + ADD 1

The report, and in particular its main findings and recommendations and proposed way ahead, was briefly presented by the Council secretariat. The report was discussed, and in general, delegations welcomed the report and stressed the importance of the topics dealt with therein. The Presidency concluded that, based upon the debate in the Working Party and written comments, a revised version of the final report will be presented for adoption at the next GENVAL meeting. Thereafter it would be submitted to COREPER and then the Council to be taken note of. In addition, following the finalisation of the internal Council procedures, the report will be sent to the European Parliament for information. Deadline for submitting comments in writing was set at 14 September 2012 cob.

5. Seminar on "Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property" – Establishment of an EU CultNet - information by the Presidency

The Presidency informed that a seminar on "Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property" would take place on 16 - 17 October 2012 in Cyprus. Invitations had already been circulated through the Law Enforcement Working Party (LEWP). Results of the seminar would be presented to GENVAL at its November meeting. It was stressed by the Presidency that the EU CultNet would only be a flanking measure to already existing ones.

The French delegate noted that this issue had been previously dealt with by the MDG and asked for a discussion on the attribution of files between the different Council Working Parties, regretting that GENVAL appeared to be increasingly marginalized.

6. Coordination at EU level regarding the UNTOC review mechanism - information on the state of play

On the basis of an UNTOC non-paper, the Commission informed about the state of play.

7. "The EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings", (COM(2012) 286 final), adopted by the Commission on 19 June 2012

- Draft Council Conclusions

11838/1/12 GENVAL 46 DROIPEN 91 JAI 473 JAIEX 52 MIGR 68 RELEX 601

The Working Party had a discussion of the revised draft Council conclusions.

Based upon the discussions, a second revised version will be circulated during the second week of September with the aim of agreeing on the wording at Working Party level at the next GENVAL meeting.

8. Information from the Netherlands on an EU conference on Multidisciplinary Cooperation against Trafficking in Human Beings "*Putting Rantsev into Practice*", organised by the Netherlands, Poland and Cyprus

The Dutch delegation informed about the above-mentioned conference that would take place in Amsterdam on 16-18 April 2013. Those Member States which might wish to contribute were encouraged to do so. (The power-point presentation used was circulated to delegations via e-mail after the meeting).

9. Any other business

Global Alliance initiative against Child Sexual Abuse Online

- update by the Commission

- information on the anti-trafficking day (18 October 2012)

Concerning the Global Alliance initiative against Child Sexual Abuse on Line the Commission gave an update on the most recent developments. The Alliance had been extended to third countries and would be officially launched on 5 December 2012 by Commissioner Malmström and the American attorney general Eric Holder. It would be a "back-to-back" ministerial event with the December JHA-Council, exact timing (morning or afternoon) yet to be settled.

The Presidency together with the Commission briefly informed about the anti-trafficking day on 18 October. The invitation would soon be distributed to JHA-Counsellors. The informal EU network of national rapporteurs or equivalent mechanisms on trafficking in human beings would meet the day before, on 17 October.
