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of:	Law Enforcement Working Party (meeting of experts for major sports events)
on:	4 September 2012
Subject:	Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 4005/12 with the addition of information points by the Presidency and the Commission under AOB.

2. 2012 Action Plan implementing the 2011-2013 EU Work Programme on further measures designed to maximise safety and security in connection with sports events, in particular football matches, with an international dimension

The BE delegation briefly referred to the progress achieved in implementing the Annual Action Plan for 2012 (doc. 8039/1/12 REV 1 ENFOPOL 79) and informed delegations that by the next meeting of the European Think Tank of football safety and security experts to be held on 6-7 November 2012 in Bern the improved structure of the Action Plan was expected to be finalised.

3. NFIP logo

The CY delegation referred to the outcome of discussions regarding the NFIP logo of the Think Tank meeting on 24 May 2012 and presented four revised logos symbolising the cooperation within the NFIP network and the role of NFIPs, namely to ensure security at sports events. After an exchange of views on the proposed logos, the meeting approved the fourth one as the logo of the NFIP network.

4. Champions League/Europa League meeting on 12-13 September 2012 - Cooperation with UEFA

The BE delegation presented the agenda of the Champions League/Europa League meeting to be jointly organised by the Think Tank and UEFA on 12-13 September 2012 in Vienna, aimed to discuss the stadium management, ensuring safety and security in stadiums, police training, etc.

5. Evaluation of EURO 2012, safety and security measures

As the Ukrainian representatives were not able to attend the meeting, the PL delegation provided a detailed evaluation of the safety and security measures undertaken by the Polish authorities during EURO 2012, including the statistical data on the number of police officers involved, on the operation of the police command centre and the number of information exchanged there as well as reported on the challenges addressed during the tournament. Certain examples of best practices and proposals for future tournaments were also provided.

Some delegations shared their experiences of cooperating with Polish and Ukrainian authorities during the Championship. A representative of Europol pointed out that following EURO 2012 an action plan was underway aiming to improve cooperation between Europol, Interpol and NFIPs at such events.

6. Pan-European Football Police Training Project (PE-FFTP) – Future Role of CEPOL

The UK delegation explained that the PE-FFTP was coming to an end in 2012 with the final training event planned on 1-5 November 2012. Delegations were informed about the ongoing discussions with CEPOL as regards the possibility to ensure the continuity of these training activities.

The Deputy Director of CEPOL provided certain suggestions as regards the possibilities to continue football police training activities, for example, to organise 2 pilot training events in 2013 and carry out the training needs' assessment in order to possibly include such training activities in the CEPOL Work Programme as from 2014.

7. Sharing of Information with UEFA

The UK delegation informed the meeting that UEFA was not willing to conclude a general agreement with the NFIP network regarding the sharing of information, and that it preferred negotiating bilateral agreements. Some delegations pointed out legal difficulties to conclude such agreements.

8. Questionnaires on Police/Legal Information

The DK delegation provided some observations and the preliminary overview of replies of delegations relating to the questionnaire on the legal possibilities to prevent known risk fans from attending football matches (CM 3448/12). The meeting was informed that on this basis the final report with proposals for possible further action would be prepared in autumn 2012.

The LT delegation informed the meeting that a conference concluding the project on security at major events, financed under the ISEC programme, would be held on 23-24 October 2012 and that invitations to this conference were sent to NFIPs together with a questionnaire on police cooperation. Delegations were invited to provide contributions to this questionnaire by 20 September 2012 as the outcome of the questionnaire would be discussed at the conference.

9. Intentions of IE and LT Presidency

The IE delegation pointed out that the planning of the meeting of experts for major sports events depended on the legislative priorities of the LEWP under the IE Presidency, and that delegations would be updated as regards this meeting in the near future.

The LT delegation presented the priorities of the group of experts for major sports events under the LT Presidency, namely the preparation of the new Work Programme for 2014-2016, the revision of the Council Resolution of 2010 containing the "Football handbook" and the possible revision of the Council Decision on NFIPs as provided for in the Action Plan.

10. Any other business

- The Presidency pointed out the difficulties relating to the exchange of police spotters due to the costs involved. Some delegations underlined the importance of such exchange and the challenges related to it due to the scarcity of financial resources and stressed the need to further discuss this topic, possibly at the next Think Tank meeting in November 2012.
- A representative of the Commission briefed the meeting about the lessons learned during the testing of CBRN detection technologies at EURO 2012.
- A representative of the Commission informed delegations that the study on travelling violent offenders was being finalised and would be presented to the group in the near future.
