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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Working Party on General Matters, including Evaluations (GENVAL)

on: 3 October 2012

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 4354/12 was adopted, with the addition of one item under any other business (point 10).

2. Fifth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the Report of Spain

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The evaluation team presented the report. The Spanish delegation commented on the findings of the evaluation team and replied to the questions asked by other delegations. The Presidency concluded that a revised version of the report will be presented for adoption at the next GENVAL meeting.

3. Fifth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the Report of Denmark

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The evaluation team presented the report. The Danish delegation commented on the findings of the evaluation team and replied to the questions asked by other delegations. The Presidency concluded that a revised version of the report will be presented for adoption at the next GENVAL meeting.

4. Fifth round of mutual evaluations - Final report - Continued discussion

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The revised version of the final report was briefly discussed, and following the circulation of a room document with a few amendments it was adopted. It will now be submitted to COREPER of 10 October 2012 and then to the JHA Council of 26 October 2012 to be taken note of and for discussion among the Justice Ministers of the recommendations .

5. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the Report of Sweden

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The evaluation team presented the report. The Swedish delegation commented on the findings of the evaluation team and replied to the questions asked by other delegations. The report was discussed and commented upon by delegations. The Presidency concluded that the report is scheduled to be adopted at the next GENVAL meeting

6. Trafficking in Human Beings – Presentation by the Presidency of the results of the questionnaire on the study on Protection of Victims during Criminal Proceedings

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The Presidency informed about the results of the questionnaire circulated to Member States in July. Replies had been received from 18 Member States and Europol. Delegations expressed satisfaction with the recommendations of the paper; in particular the findings in relation to interpretation was considered worth exploring further. The findings of the study will be put on the Commission's anti-trafficking website.

7. "The EU Strategy towards the eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings"

(COM(2012) 286 final)

- draft Council Conclusions

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The Working Party had a discussion of the third revised version of the Council conclusions. Based upon the discussions that revealed a couple of outstanding issues, a fourth revised version will be circulated immediately following the meeting with the aim of agreeing on the wording at COREPER of 10 October. Following COREPER the draft Council Conclusions will be submitted to JHA Council of 26 October as an A-point.

8. Second implementation report / update of the Action Oriented Paper on strengthening the EU external dimension on action against trafficking in human beings

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The Presidency briefly explained the content of the paper, underlining that this was intended to be the last update of the Action-Oriented Paper adopted in November 2009, since a comprehensive strategy, also covering the external aspects of preventing and combating trafficking in human beings was now in place. The report, including a list of priority third countries/regions, will be discussed in depth at the next GENVAL meeting on 6 November.

9. EU Anti-Corruption report – Update by the Commission on the preparations for the EU Anti-Corruption report to be published in 2013

The Commission gave an update on the status following the adoption in June 2011 of an anti-corruption package and an accompanying communication. Two key elements were the establishment of anti-corruption reporting mechanisms and the mainstreaming of an EU internal and external anti-corruption policy. It was the intention to adopt the report before the summer break 2013. Two regional workshops would be held, the first in Sofia on 11 December 2012.

10. Any other business

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

The Presidency reminded delegations about the anti-trafficking day Thursday 18 October, organised jointly by the Commission and the Presidency. Invitations had been circulated at the end of September. Results of the seminar would be presented to GENVAL at its November meeting. The Commission added that there were still places left, in particular for NGOs. The informal EU network of national rapporteurs or equivalent mechanisms on trafficking in human beings would meet the day before, on 17 October.