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| of: | Joint meeting of the Law Enforcement Working Party and the Customs Cooperation Working Party (including Mixed Committee EU/Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein) |
| on: | 13 November 2012 |
| Subject: | Summary of discussions |

MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. CM 5158/1/12 REV 1 with an additional information point from the Presidency under AOB.

2. Information about the outcome of the PCCC Conference (Brussels, 6-7 November 2012)

Delegations took note of the oral presentation by the Presidency on the results of the 3rd Police and Customs Cooperation (PCCC) conference which was co-organised by the Commission. Like the previous ones, the conference gathered PCCC members and coordinators as well as representatives of central LEAs with a view to raising awareness on the possible support of PCCCs for law enforcement cooperation. While the first day was mainly dedicated to activity reports, the second day focused on issues such as using SIENA as an optional channel for information exchange, enhanced implication of customs authorities which currently are present in less than the half of the 41 PCCCs, operational and strategic crime analysis, and features of the DE ISEC project for PCCCs.

3. Any other business

The Presidency informed about the Radio Communication expert group meeting in Larnaca, 24 October 2012, the results of which would be further discussed at the LEWP meeting on 18 December.

JOINT MEETING OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY AND THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION WORKING PARTY

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. CM 5158/1/12 REV 1.

2. Information from the Presidency

As to CCWP matters, the Presidency provided information about the meeting of the heads of central coordination units for customs and law enforcement authorities, held in Cyprus on 8-9 November. Three workshop had been held, respectively on the legal and customs approach in ensuring the chain of evidence, the Naples II provisions in combating frauds on customs excise duties, and the continuation of the work of CCUs.

As to LEWP matters, the Presidency informed that the outcome of the experts meetings on firearms (Nicosia, 9/10 October) and on vehicle crime (Larnaca, 20/21 November) as well as the conclusions of the TISPOL seminar (27/29/ November) would be on the LEWP agenda on 18 December.

3. Cultural Property Issues

- 3.1** The meeting took note of information concerning the creation of an Informal Network of Law Enforcement Authorities and Expertise competent in the field of cultural goods (EU CULTNET) and the Resolution thereon adopted by the Council at its meeting on 25/26 October 2012. Member States were invited to participate in the network.

3.2 The Presidency informed delegations about the outcome of the Seminar on Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property, especially Religious, held on 16-17 October 2012, in Larnaca, Cyprus and about the conclusions the meeting has drawn (see doc. 15400/12 GENVAL 77 ENFOPOL 339 ENFOCUSTOM 108).

4. Joint Operations

4.1 JCPO ATHENA III (tbc)

The DK delegation provided preliminary information on JCPO Athena III, which took place in October and focused on illegal import and export of large amounts of cash in air, sea and road transport. Results were now being analysed and a final report will be produced.

4.2 Preliminary Information on the results of JPO CYCAR 2012

The CY delegation gave a preliminary overview of the result of JPO CYCAR 2012, carried out in September, that focused on stolen vehicles with the participation of 23 Member States as well as Europol, Interpol, Tispol and Frontex. 18 MS had replied so far, around two thousands serious infringements of the highway code had been reported as well as other types of crime such as illegal possession of narcotics and of firearms and false documentation.

4.3 Presentation of the Results of Operation PANGEA V

Interpol presented Operation PANGEA V on false medicaments, to which around one hundred countries participated. The operation had focused inter alia on raising awareness with the public on the risks connected with the purchase of medicaments online. The results of the operation were now being analysed and will be distributed by the end of the year; the operation would also be presented to the media.

4.4 Presentation of the Results of Operation COLOSSEUM

The IT delegation made a presentation about operation COLOSSEUM on the illicit trafficking of cultural goods and its main results. 17 Member States, six third countries and several international organisations and bodies participated to the operation. The final report had been endorsed by the CCWP (doc. 10515/1/12 + ADD 1 REV 1).

4.5 Presentation of the draft final report on JCPO Radar

The NL delegation presented the draft final report on JCPO Radar (doc. 12710/12 ENFOCUSTOM 74 ENFOPOL 237), on the disruption of cocaine trafficking to Europe from South America. The FR delegation requested some time to examine the report and announced it would send written comments.

5. State of play as regards reform of Europol and in the area of police training

The Commission representative informed delegations about the state of play of the envisaged reform and underlined that the CEPOL reform would be closely linked to the delivery of the future European Police Training scheme. Due to ongoing internal discussions, in particular about a possible merger between Europol and CEPOL, the Commission promised to issue the proposals on these matters as a legal package in the first half of next year.

Taking note of the explanations from the Commission, several delegations voiced objections against the merger of Europol and CEPOL.

6. Any other business

The Presidency informed that the outcome of the ENVICRIME NET meeting of 25/26 October would be presented and discussed at the LEWP of 18 December.