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**OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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of: Meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs  
on: 21 November 2012  
Subject: Summary of discussions

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**1. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda set out in document CM 5390/12 was approved with postponement of the point "Implementation of the European pact against synthetic drugs: state of play" to the next HDG meeting and with addition of the following points under AOB:

- UK position on the Bolivian re-accession to the 1961 UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs;
- End of the Drug Prevention and Information Programme.

**2. Information concerning the proceedings of other EU bodies**

The representatives of the Commission presented the proposed amendments to the Regulation No 273/2004 on drug precursors (doc. 14514/12 UD 240 ENT 235 CORDROGUE 65 CODEC 2290 + ADD 1 + ADD 2) and to Regulation No 111/2005 laying down rules for the monitoring of trade between the community and third countries in drug precursors (doc. 14394/12 UD 237 ENT 226 CORDROGUE 63 CODEC 2265 + ADD 1 + ADD 2). It was noted that the EU drugs policy would benefit from these proposals as they aligned internal and external trade legislation to international requirements and enabled quicker scheduling of substances in the future.

The Presidency informed the delegations about the comments received from the JHA counsellors on the compromise proposal on financing of the drugs policy in the Justice programme (doc. 15199/12 JAI 718 CADREFIN 432 DROIPEN 145 COPEN 225 CATS 69 JUSTCIV 311 EJUSTICE 68 JURINFO 43 CORDROGUE 70 CODEC 2437).

The representative of the Council Legal Service informed the meeting that a legal opinion was under preparation which would address the doubts of delegations concerning the possibility to fund in practice drug-related actions to be included into the compromise proposal, given the restrictive legal basis of the Justice programme. Delegations will be informed about the document once it is available.

### **3. 2012 Annual Report on the state of the drugs problem in Europe**

The representative of the EMCDDA presented the findings of the above-mentioned report, contained in doc. 16492/12 CORDROGUE 91, informing the meeting that there were signs of long-term heroin market decline, that other "traditional drugs" seemed to be stable with some reductions, that the stimulant drugs market was becoming more volatile and that new psychoactive substances were on the rise.

### **4. Discussion on the new EU Drugs Strategy 2013-2020**

The delegations further discussed the draft EU Drugs Strategy 2013-2020, as set out in doc. 12036/3/12 REV 3 JAI 639 CORDROGUE 52 SAN 205 JAIEX 71, commenting on the terms used in the document, on the possibility to guarantee quick access to drug treatment for drug users, on guaranteeing access to drug treatment at all stages of the criminal justice system, on issues to be covered during the dialogues on drugs with third countries, as well as on the possibility to include prevention in schools in the Strategy. The Strategy was finalised taking into account the comments provided by the delegations and endorsed by the working group with a view to submitting it to the COREPER and Council.

## **5. Presentation of the COPOLAD e-room**

The representative of COPOLAD presented the COPOLAD e-room, which is a new tool dedicated to the EU and CELAC delegations, allowing them to find relevant documents of the EU-CELAC Cooperation and Coordination Mechanisms on Drugs, follow events on the calendar and communicate with other delegations. The speaker explained that the tool had different levels of access.

## **6. Report on the EU-US dialogue on drugs**

The Presidency reported on the above-mentioned meeting held on 9 November 2012 (see doc. 16281/12 CORDROGUE 88 USA 30).

## **7. Report on the Dublin Group meeting**

The FR delegation reported on the above-mentioned meeting held on 8 November 2012 (see doc. 16283/12 CORDROGUE 89).

## **8. Introduction of the priorities of the incoming Irish Presidency**

The incoming IE Presidency presented its priorities in the field of drugs and the calendar of the meetings. The speaker encouraged delegations to notify as early as possible about their intentions to draft resolutions for the 56th CND session and also to participate actively in the forthcoming EU-CELAC High Level meeting to be held in Ecuador. The incoming Presidency also informed the delegates about their intention to organise the EU-Pakistan meeting on drugs and therefore invited the delegations to provide information about any bilateral assistance programmes dedicated to Pakistan.

## **9. Any other business**

### ***– EU-Bolivia meeting on drugs***

The representative of the Commission reported on a recently held meeting with the high-level Bolivian delegation in Brussels.

- *UK position on the Bolivian re-accession to the 1961 UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs*

The UK delegation informed the meeting about their position on the above-mentioned issue.

- *Call for the expression of interest to become a member of the EU Civil Society Forum on Drugs 2013-2014*

The representative of the Commission informed the delegations about the above-mentioned call for proposal valid until 4 January 2013.

- *End of the Drug Prevention and Information Programme*

The representative of the Commission informed the meeting about the expiration of the above-mentioned programme and gave an overview of the projects financed by it.

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