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**CORDROGUE 7**

## **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
On: 9 January 2014  
To: Horizontal Working Party on Drugs  
Subject: Summary of discussions

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### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 5775/13 with the addition of an AOB point on a call for proposals in the field of new psychoactive substances.

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

The Presidency informed the delegations about the endorsement of the EU-Western Balkans joint declaration on enhancing cooperation on drugs and renewing the commitments of the EU-Western Balkans Action Plan on Drugs during the EU-Western Balkans ministerial meeting and progress achieved on the Operational Action Plans concerning cocaine and heroin and synthetic drugs in the framework of the EU policy cycle.

### **3. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on new psychoactive substances**

The delegations further examined the above-mentioned draft Regulation, outlined in doc. 13857/13 CORDROGUE 87 SAN 344 DROIPEN 110 CODEC 2068. The choice of the internal market legal basis, the system for classifying risk levels, the criteria for determining the risk levels and the concept of "low risk" as well as the flexibility of Member States to introduce more stringent national measures were discussed during the meeting.

The experts also pointed out the difficulties of collecting information on new psychoactive substances and in some cases the scarcity of evidence, as these substances by definition were new substances. The representative of the Commission informed the meeting about their efforts to reinforce the evidence basis on the new psychoactive substances (see AOB).

### **4. Discussion on misuse of prescription medicines**

The LT delegation presented the revised document summarising the previous discussions on the above-mentioned issue and the delegations' answers to four questions on the topic, outlined in doc. DS 1912/1/13 REV 1. The delegations again stressed the importance of the issue and the need to involve the working party dealing with pharmaceuticals.

### **5. Preparation for the High Level CND session in 2014**

The Presidency updated the delegations on the outcome of the intersessional meeting held on 11 December 2013 and the delegations examined certain provisions of the revised CND Chair's proposal for the draft Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 High-Level Review.

The delegations also provided further comments on the revised draft CND resolutions concerning drug demand policy under austerity budgets (doc. DS 2082/13) and training needs as regards substance use disorders (doc. DS 2045/1/13 REV 1) with a number of delegations noting that the scope of both resolutions should be broadened to include the experience of other countries and regions.

A deadline of 15 January 2014 was set for providing written comments on both proposals and the delegations were reminded that the deadline for tabling CND resolutions within the CND secretariat was set at 13 February 2014.

The CZ delegation informed the meeting about their plans to provide a draft CND resolution on evidence-based commitment to the Single Convention.

## **6. Cannabis legalisation in Uruguay**

The delegations briefly discussed the above-mentioned recent development in Uruguay.

## **7. AOB**

### ***– Bolivia's coca study - information by the EEAS***

The representative of the EEAS updated the delegates on the above-mentioned study presenting the main outcomes of the study and noting that the study would be published on the Internet.

### ***– Call for proposals in the field of new psychoactive substances***

The representative of the Commission recalled that the EU financial programmes ISEC and Horizon 2020 had launched calls for proposals for projects in the field of new psychoactive substances.