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## **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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To: Customs Cooperation Working Party  
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### **1. Adoption of the agenda.**

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 3021/1/16.

### **2. Information from the Presidency**

The Presidency informed the Working Party of the high number of arrests and seizures under the INTERPOL-led Pangea IX international joint operation targeted at the illicit online sale of medicines and medical devices, which involved some 193 police, customs and health regulatory authorities from 103 countries.

### **3. Business Case for JCO WAREHOUSE III**

The Working Party discussed the Business Case for JCO Warehouse III presented by Finland, which is aimed at combatting smuggling, excise and VAT fraud, with a focus on tobacco products and possibly also mineral oil and alcohol (9928/16 ENFOCUSTOM 87 CRIMORG 59 UD 123 ENFOPOL 186 RESTREINT UE). Member States were requested to provide written comments by 23 June 2016.

#### **4. Business Case for JCO RENEGADE**

The Working Party discussed the presented by OLAF Business Case for JCO RENEGADE targeted at counterfeit goods with a focus on spare parts for transport means (9929/16 ENFOCUSTOM 88 RESTREINT UE). Member States were requested to provide written comments by 22 June 2016.

#### **5. Presentation of the WCO Operation Chimera**

WCO presented its Operation Chimera targeted at small arms and light weapons and cash and bearer negotiable instruments and the opportunities that it presented for developing customs-police cooperation at national, regional, and international level. Some Member States expressed the view that synergies with the ARES JCO should be exploited as the two operations would be taking place in a close period of time.

#### **6. Review of the Guide for Joint Customs Operations**

The Working Party discussed the review of the Guide for Joint Customs Operations (DS 1308/16). Member States were requested to provide written comments by 22 June 2016 with a view to bringing the item on the Agenda of the CCWP Plenary on 23 June 2016 for its possible approval.

#### **7. Overview of JCOs and other operations**

The Working Party discussed the overview of JCOs and other operations (5109/2/16 REV 2 JAI 6 ENFOCUSTOM 3 RESTREINT UE). Member States were requested to send possible updates to the Presidency.

#### **8. Definition of Joint Action Days**

The Presidency informed the Working Party of the new definition and planning procedure for Joint Action Days, which had been agreed by COSI on 18 April 2016 (8127/16 JAI 306 COSI 67 ENFOPOL 115 CRIMORG 30).

## **9. Update by the Presidency on the report on the Coordination Mechanism for Joint Operations**

The Presidency updated the Working Party on the report on the Coordination Mechanism for Joint Operations, which aimed at avoiding overlaps of operations in terms of aim, geographical area or time, and seeking opportunities for cooperation, especially in case of multipurpose operations at the external borders of the EU.

## **10. Report on WCO security seminar**

The Presidency presented a report on the WCO security seminar by outlining in particular:

1. the French presentation on the role of customs after Paris;
2. the presentation of WCO on the Global Shield Programme;
3. the overview of activities related to strategic goods and financing of terrorism;
4. PNR and API projects;
5. the WCO operation Chimera.

## **11. Wildlife crime**

The UK Border Force and the wildlife trade monitoring network "TRFFIC" presented their work on combatting wildlife crime.

## **12. Priorities of the Slovak Presidency**

Slovakia presented the priorities of its Presidency for the CCWP Expert meetings by noting in particular:

1. Information about JCOs and other operations;
2. Fight against terrorism;
3. Investigation of predicate offences in customs matters and of money laundering, case studies of Member States, and
4. Cooperation with third countries.

## **13. AOB**

- The Presidency informed the Working Party of the finalisation of the first phase of the JCPO Ares, and the beginning of the second intelligence led phase targeted at checks of small consignments.
- Europol informed the Working Party of the published vacancy notice for a Seconded National Expert on environmental crime and customs.

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