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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
On: 21 June 2016  
To: Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security  
Subject: Summary of discussions

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### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda set out in 10241/16 was adopted.

### 2. EU Policy Cycle: Monitoring of the Operational Action Plan 'Illegal Immigration':

#### a) 6-monthly progress report

The Committee took note of the progress report of the OAP 'Illegal Immigration' as set out in 9931/16 (EU RESTRICTED).

## **b) Report of the Europol Director**

The Committee took note of the report of the Europol Director as set out in the annex to 9926/1/16 REV 1 and exchanged views on the two questions raised by the Presidency regarding the 2017 OAPs and Member States' commitment. Regarding the 2017 OAPs, various Member States were of the opinion that these OAPS should focus on finalising the 2016 OAP actions and that possible new actions should be finished by the end of 2017. However, a pragmatic and flexible approach could be considered, taking into account the changing crime situation. Regarding Member States' commitment, delegations agreed that better sharing of the workload was needed. It was pointed out that Member States' participation in the OAPs is voluntary and that Member States should commit to actions that are also national priorities. The new SOCTA 2017 could contribute to this, since it would indicate which Member States are the most affected by certain types of crime. Reference was also made to a greater accountability. Limiting the number of actions was welcomed by several Member States because these actions have significant impacts on national resources.

The Committee took note of the report of the National EMPACT Coordinators meeting held on 24, 25 and 26 May 2016, as set out in 9927/1/16 REV 1. Delegations' attention was drawn to the definitions proposed by the NECs for the co-driver and action leader, which play a crucial role in a successful implementation of the Policy Cycle. Delegations were invited to consider using these definitions in their national planning for 2017.

The Europol Deputy Director briefly presented the results of a Joint Action Day targeting labour exploitation and a global action against online fraudsters in the airline sector which were carried out in the framework of Operation Ciconia Alba.

### 3. EU Policy Cycle:

#### a) Monitoring of the Operational Action Plans

The Committee took note of the progress reports for the first half of 2016 as set out in 9926/16 ADD 1 RESTREINT UE and 10270/16 RESTREINT UE.

#### b) Funding

Europol informed the Committee about the current state of play of funding and the future funding challenges in 2017, as set out in 10031/16, and invited the Committee to give some strategic input.

The Presidency noted that delegations supported the launch of a mini-call allowing some competition between different priorities to reallocate the unspent money from the 2015 grants. This mini call would be launched in mid-September 2016. Regarding future funding, delegations seemed favourable to the two-track approach suggested by Europol in 10031/16 but needed some further clarifications. Various delegations called for flexibility in funding, which should be adapted to concrete operational needs. Some delegations would also welcome better administrative support. Europol was invited to submit a paper for the COSI meeting in September, which should clarify a number of outstanding issues and provide some suggestions on the way forward, e.g. on the distribution key. The Committee also called on the participants in the OAPs to make full use of the money allocated under the Delegation Agreement.

#### c) Media Strategy Contact Points Meeting

The Committee agreed on the Media Strategy for the JADs 2016 as set out in 10109/16. Following a French suggestion, Europol and the incoming Presidency were invited to examine the possibility of developing a media communication on the results of the Policy Cycle as a whole.

#### **4. Information from the Presidency:**

##### **– Follow-up to the JHA Council of 9 - 10 June 2016**

The Presidency informed the Committee of the results of the JHA Council of 9 and 10 June 2016, and referred in particular to the Roadmap on information exchange and information management which the Council endorsed. The Presidency also said that the PNR informal group, the secretariat of which would be run by the Netherlands, would have its first meeting after the summer to discuss the implementation of the PNR Directive.

The Commission congratulated the Presidency on the successful outcome of the JHA Council and gave a brief update on the kick-off meeting of the High Level Expert Group (HLEG), which was held on 20 June 2016. Subsequent work of the HLEG would be organised around three sub-groups (existing systems, new systems and interoperability). These subgroups would report to the HLEG, which is to meet another four times in the second half of 2016 and early 2017. The first subgroup meeting would already take place in July and discuss the existing systems. The Commission was committed to continue reporting regularly to COSI on the proceedings of the HLEG.

##### **– JHA Senior officials meeting EU - OIPC Interpol on 29 June 2016**

The Committee took note of the agenda of the JHA Senior officials meeting EU - OIPC Interpol on 29 June 2016, as set out in 9908/16.

##### **– Strengthening cooperation on Counter-Terrorism threat analysis**

The Presidency welcomed the agreement on strengthening cooperation on Counter-Terrorism threat analysis as set out in 8409/2/16 REV 2 and was looking forward to further developing this cooperation along the guidelines agreed.

##### **– Coordination mechanism meeting on 24 May 2016**

The Committee took note of the outcome of the coordination mechanism meeting on 24 May 2016.

## **5. Fight against terrorism:**

### **a) INTCEN assessment of the evaluation of the threat in Europe in relation to Islamist terrorism: presentation by INTCEN**

The INTCEN Director presented the main findings of an INTCEN assessment on Islamist terrorism, notably Da'esh. This assessment would be issued in the days following the COSI meeting.

### **b) TESAT 2016: presentation by Europol**

The Europol Deputy Director presented the main findings of the TESAT (European Union Terrorism Situation and Trend Report) 2016, which would be issued in July 2016. Europol would prepare a forward-looking threat assessment on terrorism for the COSI meeting in September 2016.

### **c) EU ATLAS Network: presentation of work programme and capabilities**

The Estonian delegation referred to a joint Austrian - Estonian letter sent to the COSI Chair to request a better overview of the work of ATLAS, including the capabilities of EU special units. This overview should include general information as well as contact details for Member State authorities overseeing the special intervention units. Following the ATHOS 2015 exercise in Estonia, a new ATHOS 2016 exercise would take place in Estonia. Estonia thanked the German and Austrian delegations which contributed to the project.

## **6. Firearms:**

### **– Finnish Police University project on firearms: presentation of results**

The Director of the Finnish Police University College presented the state of play of the project that focuses on the evaluation of the operational cooperation for the prevention of illicit trafficking, supply and use of firearms in Europe. The project should be completed in early 2017. The results of a preliminary questionnaire were presented and the Committee was informed about the method that would be used and the setting up of an expert panel.

– **Spanish experiences with Operational Action Plan (OAP) Firearms: presentation by the Spanish delegation**

The Spanish driver of the OAP Firearms presented the experiences gained as driver from the implementation of this OAP. He referred to some successes, such as the development of a concrete legislative framework for the NEC in Spain allowing effective coordination, the significant increase in contributions to the Focal Point Firearms and the successful development of joint action days. Some of the challenges identified were the need to improve the interoperability of the different firearms-related databases, the need to continue increasing Member States' commitment and to receive proper recognition.

The Presidency thanked the Spanish driver for his commitment and on behalf of the Committee complimented both the Finnish and Spanish delegations for their presentations.

**7. Presentation of the work programme of the incoming Presidency**

The Slovak delegation briefly informed the meeting about the main priorities for its incoming Presidency, namely the fight against terrorism, the implementation of the renewed Internal Security Strategy, the ongoing implementation of the EU Policy Cycle and the implementation of the Roadmap on information exchange and information management. The following meeting dates were provisionally scheduled: 28/9, 23-24/11 and 20-21/12.

**8. Any other business**

No items were raised.

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