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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 13 July 2016
To: Delegations

Subject: Outcomes of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as outlined in doc. CM 3424/16 with the addition of the following points under AOB:

- The second ERANID joint call for proposals - information by the Portuguese delegation;
- Recent cocaine seizure - information by the Romanian delegation.

2. Revised EMCDDA Regulation

The representative of the Commission informed the meeting about the timetable as regards tabling the above-mentioned proposal and outlined its main elements. The speaker also informed about the proposed increase in the budget of the EMCDDA.

3. Update from the Presidency on:

- *the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (8 - 20 July 2016, New York)*
- *the outcomes of the 32nd session of the UN Human Rights Council (13 June - 1 July 2016, Geneva)*

The Presidency updated delegations on the above-mentioned events, recalling that one of the outcomes of the UNGASS 2016 on drugs was a call for more intra-agency cooperation, therefore HDG should also follow the progress in other fields which might be relevant for drug policy. Some delegations were concerned with the developments in the Human Rights Council, including the refusal by some countries to make references to documents adopted by other bodies, for example, the UNGASS outcome document.

4. Preparation for the 2019 review process, especially as regards the establishment of the informal expert group

Delegations agreed to the establishment of the informal expert group to help the Presidencies to prepare for the 2019 global drug policy review and to provide expert proposals for the discussion and decision-making at the HDG. The Presidency invited delegations to communicate the names of nominated experts by 29 July 2016. It was also agreed that the group would be coordinated by the Dutch delegation.

5. Preparation for the EU-Russia expert dialogue on drugs

The Presidency informed the delegations about the forthcoming EU-Russia expert dialogue on drugs to be held on 22 September 2016 in Brussels, the agenda of which is outlined in doc. WK 462/16.

6. Preparation for the EU-CELAC Technical Committee meeting on drugs

The Presidency informed the delegations about the above-mentioned meeting, provisionally planned on 12 October 2016 in Brussels, the agenda of which is outlined in WK 463/16.

7. Report on the Dublin Group meeting

The French delegation reported on the above-mentioned event, held in Brussels on 30 June 2016. Delegations were also informed that the next Dublin Group meeting would be held on 10 November 2016.

8. AOB

– Initiatives in the field of Drugs Policy – information by Commission

The representative of the Commission informed the meeting about the recently published call for proposals in the framework of the Justice programme "Supporting initiatives in the field of drugs policy", under which applications could be submitted by 18 October 2016, and recalled the previously published proposals under different programmes relevant to the field of drugs. She also emphasised that the ex ante budget absorption rate for drug-related funding was exceptionally high and was equal to 99,9% in 2015.

– The second ERANID joint call for proposals - information by the Portuguese delegation

The Portuguese delegation informed the meeting that the second ERANID joint call for proposals was launched on 28 June 2016 with a deadline for submission of 18 October 2016, aiming at funding multidisciplinary transnational research in "Society and responses to drug use".

– Recent cocaine seizure - information by the Romanian delegation

The Romanian delegation informed the meeting about a significant recent cocaine seizure at the Port of Constanta.