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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 7 September 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 3656/16 with the addition of the following points under AOB:

- Extrajudicial killings in the Philippines;
- Extrajudicial killings in Indonesia;
- Inclusion of new drug precursors in the list of scheduled substances;
- Controlling precursors for fentanyl production.

2. Presentation and discussion on the revised EMCDDA Regulation

The representative of the Commission presented the above-mentioned Regulation, outlined in doc. 11520/16 CORDROGUE 42 SAN 302 CODEC 1108. The representative of the EMCDDA noted that this revised Regulation provided for strengthening the Early Warning System. There was a large support from the delegations for the new proposal, which was regarded as a step into the right direction. A number of delegations entered scrutiny reservations and committed to provide more detailed comments at a later stage. Some delegations inquired about the proposed budget increase for the EMCDDA and the foreseen deliberation of the proposal at DROIPEN.

3. Presentation of the risk assessment report on new psychoactive substance methyl 2-[[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)indole-3-carbonyl]amino]-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (MDMB-CHMICA)

The representative of the EMCDDA presented the outcomes of the risk assessment report on MDMB-CHMICA, outlined in doc. 11521/16 CORDROGUE 43 SAN 303 ENFOPOL 246, noting that this was a highly potent synthetic cannabinoid associated with 28 deaths and 25 acute intoxications in eight EU Member States.

Taking into account the results of the risk assessment, the representative of the Commission presented a proposal to subject this new psychoactive substance to control measures (doc. 11869/16 CORDROGUE 45 SAN 318) and the representative of the Council Legal Service proposed a few technical amendments to the text of the proposal, some of which were opposed by the Commission.

4. Information from the Presidency on relevant international events

The Presidency informed the meeting on international events relevant for the field of drugs. The German delegation presented the forthcoming OSCE Conference "UNGASS 2016: Road Map for Tackling the World Drug Problem" to be held on 13-14 October 2016, during which UNGASS 2016 on the World Drug Problem and its results would be discussed and encouraged delegates to participate in the event.

Delegations also exchanged views as regards drug-related issues to be dealt with at the UN Third Committee. The representative of the EEAS informed the delegations about the preparation of the EU statement for the discussion on drugs to be held on 5 October 2016 at the UN Third Committee.

5. Preparation for the 2019 review process

The Dutch delegation, coordinating the informal expert group on post-UNGASS, gave an overview of the deliberations at the informal expert group both as regards the implementation of the UNGASS outcome document and the preparation for 2019 global drug policy review process.

The Presidency recalled the forthcoming intersessional CND meeting in Vienna to be held on 8 September 2016. The speaker also outlined the most urgent tasks for the HDG for the semester, including the preparation of the common EU position on the modalities of the 2019 global drug policy review process.

The UK delegation elaborated on the idea that the EU could present a resolution for the CND with a view to setting the terms of 2019 global drug policy review.

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

The Presidency gave an overview of the agenda of the forthcoming EU-Russia expert dialogue on drugs to be held on 22 September 2016 (doc. CM 3657/16).

7. AOB:

– Extrajudicial killings in the Philippines

Representatives of the EEAS updated the delegations on the situation with extrajudicial killings for drug-related offences in the Philippines. They informed the meeting about the discussion on the topic at COASI. Delegations concurred with the COASI call to apply appropriate diplomatic tools to follow up on the developments in the Philippines.

– Extrajudicial killings in Indonesia

The representative of the EEAS updated the delegations on the situation with regard to extrajudicial killings for drug-related offences in Indonesia and EU actions taken to promote the moratorium on the death penalty and alternative judicial solutions.

– Inclusion of new drug precursors in the list of scheduled substances

The representative of the Commission informed the meeting about the inclusion of chloroephedrine and chloropseudoephedrine used as precursors for the production of methamphetamine in the list of scheduled substances.

– Controlling precursors for fentanyl production

The UK delegation informed the meeting about its intention as regards seeking control for two precursors used for fentanyl production.