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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 21 and 22 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 3927/16 with the addition of the following points under AOB:

- Situation with regard to fentanyl in Estonia;
- Study on alternatives to coercive sanctions for drug law offences and drug-related crime.

2. Discussion on the legislative package on new psychoactive substances

Delegations further discussed the proposal for the amendment of the EMCDDA Regulation, outlined in doc. 11520/16 CORDROGUE 42 SAN 302 CODEC 1108 and analysed the draft Directive on new psychoactive substances, mostly commenting on the deadline foreseen for the implementation of national measures once the new psychoactive substance is banned on the EU level. The deadline of 27 September 2016 was set for submitting written comments.

3. Proposal for a Council implementing decision on subjecting the new psychoactive substance methyl 2-[[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)indole-3-carbonyl]amino]-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (MDMB-CHMICA)

The Presidency informed the meeting that the above-mentioned proposal outlined in doc. 12198/16 CORDROGUE 46 SAN 323 had been endorsed by the HDG, and the European Parliament will now be consulted on it.

4. Misuse of and dependence on prescribed medicines: presentation by the LU delegation of the outcomes from the informal expert group

The Luxembourg chair of the informal expert group on misuse of and dependence on prescribed medicines presented the report of the group (WK 500/2016) outlining suggestions for the definition and the scope of phenomenon. The report also gives an overview of the situation with regard to monitoring of the phenomenon at national level and recognises the added value of having an EU wide monitoring in this respect. However, it also notes important obstacles to achieving an EU wide reporting similar to that existing in other drug-related areas.

5. Preparation for the 2019 review process

- *Implementation of the UNGASS outcome document: draft EU statements for CND intersessional meetings on 10-11 October 2016*

The Presidency presented the draft EU statements for the forthcoming CND intersessional meetings in Vienna on drug demand reduction, drug supply reduction, accessibility to controlled substances and human rights. The Presidency also took note of the contribution provided by the Civil Society Forum on Drugs on this occasion. Delegations were encouraged to compliment the EU statements by the national statements at the forthcoming intersessional meetings. A deadline of 26 September was set for providing written comments on the draft EU statements.

- *Presentation by the NL delegation on the preliminary results of the informal post –UNGASS group and discussion on the next steps*

The NL delegation presented the preliminary results of the informal post-UNGASS expert group as regards the implementation of recommendations outlined in the UNGASS outcome document and modalities of the 2019 global drug policy review process. Delegations emphasised the importance of the implementation of the UNGASS outcome document and discussed the EU priorities for this implementation. Delegations also exchanged views on the modalities of the 2019 global drug policy review process. A deadline of 28 October 2016 was set for providing further contributions on the above-mentioned topics.

6. Information on relevant international events

The representative of the EEAS updated the meeting on the process of the preparation of the EU statement for the discussion on drugs at the UN Third Committee on 5 October 2016 and also on other drug-related issues at the Third Committee.

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

The Presidency presented the agenda of the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 22 September 2016 (doc. CM 3657/1/16 REV 1).

8. Preparation for the EU-CELAC Technical Committee meeting

The Presidency presented the agenda of the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 12 October 2016 (doc. CM 3928/16).

9. AOB

- *Drug research: update on the first and second ERANID joint call*

The coordinator of the ERANID informed the delegations about the results of the first ERANID joint call, where three projects were chosen for funding, and announced that the deadline for submission of the proposals under the second ERANID call was set at 18 October 2016.

– *Situation with fentanyl in Estonia*

The Estonian delegation informed the meeting about the worrying situation with regard to fentanyl in Estonia.

– *Study on alternatives to coercive sanctions for drug law offences and drug-related crime*

The representative of the Commission informed the meeting about the recent study on alternatives to coercive sanctions for drug law offences and drug-related crime, which mapped the existing alternatives in different EU Member States and gave an overview of their application in practice.

