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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	3 October 2016
To:	Terrorism Working Party (TWP)
Subject:	Summary of discussions

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### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 4095/16.

### 2. Information from the Presidency

- Follow up to the Commission Communication on supporting the prevention of radicalisation leading to violent extremism (10466/16)

Delegations had no further comments to the draft Council Conclusions on "Supporting the prevention of radicalisation leading to violent extremism" (security part) which had been submitted to COSI on 28 September with a view to being adopted by the EYCS (Education, Youth, Culture, Sport) Council on 21-22 November 2016. The Commission announced comments on three issues<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> In relation to hate speech and terrorist propaganda, the Commission called for a reference to the work carried out by the EU Internet Forum. Secondly, the Commissions suggested inserting a more substantive reference to the importance of implementing the November 2015 Council Conclusions on enhancing the criminal justice response to radicalisation (14419/15), and thirdly, the Commission stressed the need for an integrated, multiagency approach to be reflected in the preamble.

A full set of conclusions merging the education, youth and security part will be submitted to the Education Committee meeting of 10 October 2016.

- Strengthening cooperation on counter-terrorism threat analysis

Following contributions from Europol and INTCEN (presented and discussed at the TWP meeting of 13 September 2016), the Presidency will elaborate a set of conclusions and policy recommendations after consulting Member States, the Commission, and the Counter-Terrorism Coordinator (CTC). The recommendations will subsequently be submitted to COSI (Standing Committee on Internal Security) on 20 December 2016 for endorsement.

### **3. Latest incidents of significant interest**

- Information from the Member States

Six Member States (EL, FR, DE, IT and ES) reported on the latest incidents of significant interest in the CT area.

### **4. Implementation of the roadmap on information exchange, Chapter 3**

**(12286/1/16 REV 1 and 11495/1/16 REV 1)**

- Update and discussion, including on action 35: "Share good practices on cooperation with third partners in relation to counter-terrorism among Member States and third country partners"

On the implementation of the Roadmap on Information exchange, delegations were invited to send contributions on "good practices on cooperation with third partners in relation to CT" (action 35) by 17 October 2016. Delegations which had not yet sent in contributions on actions 21, 23, 26, 27 and 34) were invited to do.

### **5. CT situation and the use of migration routes/smuggling by terrorists in Libya**

- Presentation by INTCEN (*EU CONFIDENTIAL*)

Delegations took note of the presentation by INTCEN.

## **6. BdL (Bureau de Liaison) communication network**

- Presentation by NL
- Information by INTCEN

DE had requested that the BdL communication network be put on the agenda as part of a debate on how to communicate in a safe and secure way, including all relevant stakeholders, in particular also ministries in electronic communications.

NL briefly outlined the background and the status of the BdL system today. The BdL communications network set up to connect TWP delegates and designated to transmit messages classified up to *EU CONFIDENTIAL* had gradually been used less and less; today only ten Member States, Europol and INTCEN used it. In 2016, only five messages were sent. The BdL system was last upgraded in 2000, and the accreditation had expired. Today, classified documents were mainly distributed in paper form to Permanent Representations.

INTCEN described the BdL-system as very useful in relation to information exchange on terrorist and criminal activity. Europol suggested SIENA (which since 1 October 2016 can be used for communications classified *EU CONFIDENTIAL*) as an alternative to the BdL network, also since it is technically possible to include any national authority (national decision who should receive the communications). However, not all Member States seem to favour this option.

The Presidency encouraged delegations to specify their needs for a secure communication system, possible alternatives to the BdL network, etc. and to send contributions as soon as possible.

## **7. Western Balkans (*EU CONFIDENTIAL*)**

- Presentation by INTCEN

Delegations took note of the presentation by INTCEN.

## **8. Information on counter-terrorism activities**

Among other things, Europol announced that as from 1 October 2016, it was possible to exchange electronic information at the level of *EU CONFIDENTIAL* through SIENA.

The Commission announced three events:

- RAN high level conference on 9 November 2016 in Brussels (main items: returnees, children returning from Syria/conflict areas and polarisation in societies);
- EU Internet Forum: Ministerial on 8 December 2016, an invitation for a preparatory officials' meeting on 19 October had been sent to delegations;
- open source intelligence seminar/workshop in Ispra on 30-31 October, invitations had been sent to focal points last week.

## **9. AOB**

No issues were raised under this item.

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