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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
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To: Law Enforcement Working Party
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The LEWP adopted the agenda as set out in CM 3978/16.

2. Information from the Presidency

The LEWP took note of the presentation by the Chair about the upcoming meetings of the LEWP and the meetings of LEWP-related expert groups and networks. Delegations were reminded to nominate persons for access to the delegates' portal by 30 September 2016.

3. Implementation of the Renewed European Union Internal Security Strategy 2015-2020 in the context of LEWP

The LEWP took note of the presentation by the Presidency about the progress regarding seven LEWP-related actions set out in 11001/1/16 REV 1 in the context of the implementation of the renewed ISS, focusing in particular on the implementation of the Council Conclusions and Action Plan on the way forward in view of the creation of an European Forensic Science Area, adopted by the Council on 9-10 June 2016.

4. Implementation of the Action Plan on the way forward with regard to financial investigation

The LEWP took note of the presentation by the Presidency about the implementation of five Actions contained in the Action Plan on the way forward with regard to financial investigation (adopted by the Council on 9-10 June 2016), as set out in 12295/16. A brief discussion followed, underlining the importance of embedding financial investigation in all EU policies and frameworks. The Commission indicated its willingness to take part in Action 5, and delegations were invited to indicate their wish to participate in the implementation of the Actions and to send written comments on the document, if any, by 10 October 2016.

5. Environmental Crime:

5.1 Priorities and expectations of the Slovak Presidency in the field of environmental crime

The LEWP took note of the presentation by the Presidency about the environmental crime, its scale and consequences and well as about the intentions of the Presidency aimed at contributing to the efforts to counter environmental crime in the EU.

5.2 Discussion on the proposals for actions against environmental crime

The Presidency outlined the proposed activities addressed to Member States, Commission, Europol, Eurojust, CEPOL and relevant networks aimed at countering environmental crime more effectively, as set out in 12297/16.

A number of delegations intervened to support the Presidency initiative and the proposed activities, underlining in particular the importance of a multi-disciplinary approach, specialisation of law enforcement personnel and development of appropriate working methods, the involvement of customs authorities, raising awareness, providing training for police but also judicial authorities, organising JPOs and setting up JITs, as well as involving Europol and EnviCrimeNet in countering environmental crime. A wish that environmental crime is included among EU crime priorities was also expressed. A representative of the Commission informed the LEWP that a call for proposals on this topic would be launched in 2017 and thus operational activities aimed at combatting environmental crime could be financed.

Delegations were informed that on the basis of the discussion and Member States' written contributions, expected by 14 October 2016, the Presidency would consider how to take this initiative forward, possibly in the form of Council Conclusions.

5.3 Environmental Crime Conference (24 and 25 November 2016, Bratislava, Slovakia)

The LEWP took note of the information by the Presidency about the Environmental Crime Conference, which will be held on 24 and 25 November 2016 in Bratislava.

6. CEPOL:

6.1 CEPOL 5-year evaluation report

The LEWP took note of the presentation by CEPOL about its 5-year evaluation report (10648/16) and in particular about the implementation of 17 recommendations by the Governing Board, set out in this report on the basis of the external evaluation. The timeline of implementing those recommendations between June 2016 and December 2017 was also presented.

The LEWP took note of the 5-year evaluation report and agreed to submit it to Coreper and the Council so that the Council could take note of it¹.

6.2 Stay of play of the application of the CEPOL Regulation

The LEWP took note of the presentation by CEPOL about the implementation of the new CEPOL Regulation 2015/2219, applicable as from 1 July 2016. A representative of CEPOL informed delegations that since December 2015, CEPOL was implementing the Change Management Plan, containing 35 actions, half of which were already completed, one third ongoing, and the remaining ones were scheduled to be implemented in 2017. A brief exchange of views about the limited resources of CEPOL took place, and the LEWP was informed that CEPOL was preparing a business case for 12 additional posts in order to carry out the tasks stemming from the CEPOL Regulation, which was welcomed by some delegations.

¹ See 12484/16.

7. Expert groups and networks related to the LEWP:

7.1 CARPOL: debriefing of JPO CARS

The LEWP took note of a brief presentation by the Presidency about the JPO CARS on vehicle crime, which took place on 6-7 September 2016 with the participation of 26 Member States and Switzerland. Delegations were informed that the final report with detailed results of the operation would be presented at one of the upcoming LEWP meetings. A suggestion was made to organise such operations in October, while the Presidency explained that the dates for the operation were chosen based on the operational threat assessment.

7.2 TISPOL Position Paper on Vulnerable Road Users – Pedestrians

The LEWP took note of the presentation by the Chair of TISPOL's High Risk Working Group (the future TISPOL President) regarding TISPOL Position Paper on Vulnerable Road Users – Pedestrians, as set out in 12298/16. Delegations were reminded that a report on other category of vulnerable road users - motorcyclists, set out in 16255/14, was presented to the LEWP in 2014, and that a position paper on cyclists would also be prepared.

Delegations were also informed that as from 1 March 2017, the status of TISPOL would change and the interested countries would be invited to pay a fee to become full members of the network, while other countries would not be able to take part in the decision-making process.

7.3 Experts for major sport events

- **Proposal regarding the updated EU Football Handbook: draft Council Resolution concerning an updated handbook with recommendations for international police cooperation and measures to prevent and control violence and disturbances in connection with football matches with an international dimension, in which at least one Member State is involved**

The LEWP agreed to the draft Council Resolution concerning the EU Football Handbook, set out in 11906/16. The Chair concluded that the draft Council Resolution, subject to some minor linguistic modifications, would be submitted to Coreper and the Council for adoption².

- **Proposal regarding the Handbook on police liaison with supporters: draft Council Resolution concerning a handbook with recommendations for preventing and managing violence and disturbances in connection with football matches with an international dimension, in which at least one Member State is involved, through the adoption of good practice in respect of police liaison with supporters**

The LEWP agreed to the draft Council Resolution concerning the Handbook on police liaison with supporters, set out in 11907/16. The Chair concluded that the draft Council Resolution, subject to some minor linguistic modifications, would be submitted to Coreper and the Council for adoption³.

- **Proposal regarding the costs of the visiting police delegations: draft Council Resolution concerning the costs of hosting and deploying visiting police delegations in connection with football matches (and other sports events) with an international dimension**

The LEWP agreed to the draft Council Resolution concerning the costs of visiting police delegations, set out in 11908/16. The Chair concluded that the draft Council Resolution, subject to some minor linguistic modifications, would be submitted to Coreper and the Council for adoption⁴.

² See 12795/16 and 12796/16.

³ See 12792/16 and 12794/16.

⁴ See 12791/16 and 12793/16.

- **Draft template for a bilateral agreement on the cooperation between the host and a participating country in connection with a major international football tournament**

The LEWP took note of the presentation by the Chair of the European Think Tank of football safety and security experts about the ongoing discussions on the draft template for a bilateral agreement, set out in 12261/16. It was underlined that the template was not meant to be a model agreement but rather an aid to bilateral negotiations, taking into account the national legal obligations. One delegation expressed some doubts about the possibility to use this template for drafting agreements with third countries.

Delegations were invited to send their written comments on the document by 10 October 2016.

- **Draft annual Work Programme 2017 of experts for major sports events**

Following the presentation by the Chair of the European Think Tank of football safety and security experts of the draft annual Work Programme 2017 of experts for major sports events as set out in 11909/16, delegations made a few drafting suggestions and were invited to send written comments on the document by 10 October 2016.

7.4 ENLETS: state of play of the implementation of the Council Conclusions on strengthening the internal security authorities' involvement in security-related research and industrial policy

The LEWP took note of the presentation by the ENLETS Core Group Leader about the activities of ENLETS set out in 12300/16, focusing in particular on the activities aimed at implementing Council Conclusions on strengthening the internal security authorities' involvement in security-related research and industrial policy (12103/13). The ENLETS Core Group Leader underlined in particular the need for commitment by Member States' national contact points to actively take part in the activities of ENLETS.

8. Any other business

No points were raised under this item of the agenda.
