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From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 28 September 2016
To: Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda set out in 12508/16 was adopted with the addition of an information point by the General Secretariat of the Council under 'Any other business'.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency informed the Committee of the results of the Bratislava Summit on 16 September 2016 and the outcome of the EU-US Justice and Home Affairs Senior Officials meeting held in Bratislava on 8 and 9 September 2016. The Presidency also welcomed the agreement which had been reached by the COSI Support Group on the model of firearms matrix proposed by Europol. Member States were invited to contribute to this matrix and the Committee would return to this topic at its meeting in December 2016.

3. Draft implementation paper for the renewed Internal Security Strategy 2015-2020¹

The Committee endorsed the draft implementation paper for the renewed Internal Security Strategy (ISS) 2015-2020, set out in 11001/1/16 REV 1. This implementation paper contained a special annex on the fight against terrorism, which listed the various work strands in this area. The Presidency would ensure appropriate coordination between the activities of the various working parties involved in the implementation of the ISS and would prepare a progress report for the Council by the end of 2016.

4. Roadmap to enhance information exchange and information management including interoperability solutions in the Justice and Home Affairs area:²

- State of play of the implementation of actions 17-40 (Chapter 3): presentation by the Presidency

The Committee took note of the state of play of the implementation of Actions 17 to 40 of the Roadmap set out in 12286/1/16 REV 1 and agreed on the need for continuous and timely implementation by all relevant actors. Delegations commented on actions 19 and 37 in particular and underlined COSI's supervisory role in the implementation of the Roadmap. In the light of the further contributions the Presidency would receive from Member States as regards the implementation of a number of Actions and on the basis of the work of Member States most affected by foreign terrorist fighters, the Presidency would prepare an updated report on the overall implementation of the Roadmap for the November Council.

- State of play of the activities of the HLEG and its subgroups: presentation by the Commission

The Committee took note of a Commission presentation regarding the activities of the High Level Expert Group and its subgroups, and invited the Commission to keep COSI informed of further developments. The Commission would provide a brief oral update on the HLEG to the Council on 13 October 2016 when discussing IT measures related to border management. The next meeting of the HLEG would take place on 29 November 2016, with two further meetings in the first half of 2017. Following the final meeting, the Commission would prepare a report for the European Parliament and the Council in June 2017.

¹ Exceptionally in the presence of the Schengen Associated States.

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5. Fight against terrorism:³

5.1. Strengthening cooperation on counter-terrorism threat analysis

- **Six-monthly threat analysis [CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL]**
Presentation by INTCEN
- **Europol future-oriented assessment**
Presentation by Europol (12099/16 (RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED))

These items were discussed in EU CONFIDENTIAL and EU RESTRICTED format.

5.2. Update on the operationalisation of the common risk indicators

The Committee took note of the updated version of the Frontex handbook on the operationalisation of the common risk indicators which was briefly presented by Frontex.

5.3. Draft Council conclusions on prevention of radicalisation leading to violent extremism

The Committee took note of the 'security part' of the draft Council conclusions on prevention of radicalisation leading to violent extremism set out in DS 1452/16. No comments were made and the Presidency informed delegations that a complete set of draft conclusions – including the parts on Education, Youth and Sport – would be circulated to delegations at the beginning of October to allow the Education Committee (in the lead role) to examine it at its meeting on 10 October 2016. These conclusions would be submitted to the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport (EYCS) Council on 21 and 22 November 2016 for adoption.

³ INTCEN was invited for this item.

6. Commission communication on enhancing security in a world of mobility: improved information exchange in the fight against terrorism and stronger external borders

In general delegations welcomed the Commission communication in 12307/16 but they also expressed some concerns, in particular on the absence of any reference to customs measures and the idea of an information exchange hub based on interaction between law enforcement and intelligence. Delegations underlined the need to examine the ETIAS further and also commented on the strengthening of the Counter-Terrorism Centre at Europol, where a balance should be found with the workload and resources needed at national level. Some scepticism was also voiced regarding the different programme boards of different centres at Europol, which would necessitate proper coordination.

7. EU Policy Cycle:

- Funding: information on the mini-call by Europol and strategic discussion on future funding

The Committee took note of the terms and conditions of the mini-call launched by Europol on 20 September set out in 12023/1/16 REV 1 and discussed the future funding for OAPs in 2017. The Chair noted overall support for the two-track approach proposed by Europol. Delegations also agreed with a certain degree of prioritisation for the allocation of money under the traditional calls for some OAPs, depending on the political priorities. Some delegations mentioned illegal migration. A majority of delegations opposed the 'first come, first served' approach to awarding fast-track grants. No clear objections were made to the distribution (1-2-1) of the EUR 4 million of funds for 2017. Europol was invited to keep COSI regularly informed of these funding issues.

- Proposal for a model fact sheet on the results of the Policy Cycle: presentation by Europol

The model fact sheet as proposed by Europol in DS 1442/1/16 was approved. This fact sheet would help to increase the visibility of the positive results of the EU policy cycle at both national and EU level and police cooperation in the EU. Europol was invited to fill in the relevant data in order to have these results ready for a future COSI meeting.

- Joint Action Days 2017: initial discussion on strategic guidance

The Committee took note of the preliminary results of Operation 'Ciconia Alba' and held an initial strategic discussion on the planning of the JADs for 2017 based on Europol's paper regarding strategic objectives and the approach to be followed in 2017. Various delegations considered it difficult to fix strategic objectives before the results of the evaluation of the previous operation were available. Delegations mentioned the multidisciplinary nature of the operation, the importance of the regional dimension and the need for a certain degree of flexibility. Various delegations referred to illegal immigration as a priority.

The Presidency concluded by inviting delegations to send their position within seven days on two issues: the type of operation and the crime priorities.

8. Draft Council conclusions on organised domestic burglary

The Committee reached agreement on the draft Council conclusions contained in 12098/2/16 REV 2, which would be submitted to the Council for adoption on 13 October 2016.

9. Threat assessment on internet-facilitated organised crime (iOCTA)

COSI took note of the executive summary of the iOCTA 2016 set out in 12526/16 and invited Member States, Europol and participants of the relevant 2017 Operational Action Plans to take into account its findings where appropriate when drafting the next OAPs for 2017.

10. European Police Chiefs Convention

The Committee took note of a presentation by Europol on the outcome of the European Police Chiefs Convention held on 14 and 15 September 2016 in The Hague.

11. Integrative internal security governance

COSI took note of the Slovenian initiative on integrative internal security governance set out in 12536/16 and invited the COSI Support Group to continue the discussions during its next meeting.

12. Any other business

- Anti-terrorism exercise ATHOS 2016 and mapping of special forces' capacities: presentation by the Estonian delegation

The Committee took note of a presentation by the Estonian delegation of the anti-terrorism exercise ATHOS and the joint Estonian-Austrian proposal regarding the mapping of special forces' capabilities.

- Delegates Portal

The General Secretariat of the Council informed delegations of the Secretariat's new Delegates Portal and reminded them of the need to appoint a nominated delegate per delegation. The nominated delegate would be responsible for managing the list of community members for their delegation.
