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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	11 and 12 October 2016
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Outcome of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda outlined in doc. CM 4177/16 with the addition of the following AOB item: “Reorganisational changes in the Commission DG Migration and Home Affairs”.

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. 12917/16 CORDROGUE 51 DROIPEN 151 CODEC 1386 and further analysed the draft Directive on new psychoactive substances, outlined in doc. 12918/16 CORDROGUE 52 DROIPEN 152. The deadline of 18 October 2016 was set for submitting written comments.

3. Implementation of the UNGASS outcome document and preparation for the 2019 review process

The Presidency and the representative of the Commission updated delegations on the CND intersessional meetings in Vienna held on 10-11 October 2016. The Presidency presented the draft EU statements for the forthcoming CND intersessional meetings to be held on 27-28 October 2016 on international cooperation, new challenges and alternative development. The Presidency also took note of the contribution provided by the Civil Society Forum on Drugs on this occasion. A deadline of 14 October was set for providing written comments on the draft EU statements.

Delegations also continued the discussion on the implementation of the UNGASS outcome document and preparation for 2019 global drug policy review, and agreed on the burden sharing between the HDG delegates and EU and Member State representatives in Vienna. The NL coordinator of the informal working group on post-UNGASS informed the meeting that the draft common EU position would be prepared for the discussion at the next HDG meeting.

4. Information on relevant international events

The representative of the EEAS updated the meeting on the delivery of the EU statement and the discussion on drugs held at the UN Third Committee on 6 October 2016. She also gave an overview of the developments as regards the resolution on the moratorium of the death penalty, which for the first time made a reference to drugs. The speaker also informed the meeting about the omnibus resolution on drugs, which included language from the UNGASS outcome document and previous omnibus resolution, but also some paragraphs defining the 2019 global drug policy review.

5. Preparation for the EU-CELAC Technical Committee meeting

The Presidency invited delegates to participate in the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 12 October 2016 (doc. [CM 3928/16](#)).

6. Preparation for the Dublin Group meeting

The Romanian Presidency of the Dublin Group gave an overview of the activities and their wish to modernise the working methods of the Group. The speaker also presented the agenda of the forthcoming meeting to be held on 10 November 2016. The representative of the Commission noted that there were many possible synergies with the EU delegations in different countries, which could contribute to the work of the Group. The representative of the EMCDDA offered to contribute with additional information to the drafting of mini-Dublin Group reports.

7. Update from the Commission on the meeting with Civil Society Forum on Drugs

The representative of the Commission informed the meeting about the forthcoming meeting between the HDG and Civil Society Forum on Drugs foreseen on 8 November 2016.

8. Report of the EU-Russia expert meeting on drugs

The Presidency gave an overview of the above-mentioned expert meeting held on 22 September 2016, the results of which are contained in doc. 12798/2016.

9. AOB:

– *Reorganisational changes in the European Commission DG Migration and Home Affairs*

The representative of the Commission gave an overview of reorganisational changes at DG Migration and Home Affairs, informing the meeting that drugs would be dealt with by the new Organised Crime and Drug Policy Unit, which would be in charge of the whole range of drug policies, as foreseen in the EU Drugs Strategy.
