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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 7 December 2016
To: Delegations

Subject: Outcome of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs of 7 December 2016

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda contained in doc. CM 5035/16 with the addition of the following points under AOB:

- Schengen declarations;
- Meeting of the expert group on alternatives to coercive sanctions.

2. Update on the legislation on new psychoactive substances

The Presidency updated delegations on the further process as regards the legislation on new psychoactive substances.

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

The representative of the EEAS updated delegations on the special segment of the reconvened 59th CND session in Vienna held on 30 November 2016 and delegations shared the views on the outcomes of the session. The Presidency informed delegations that the next CND intersessional meeting would be held on 23-25 January 2017 in Vienna, for which a number of EU statements would be prepared and asked delegations to provide their ideas for the statements by 9 December 2016.

Delegations also discussed the draft EU common position on post-UNGASS, contained in doc. WK 561/2016 REV 1. A deadline for written comments on this document was set at 14 December 2016. The Presidency informed delegations about the recommendations of the Civil Society Forum on Drugs provided to feed into the EU common position.

4. Preparation for the 60th CND session

The Presidency reported on the reconvened 59th CND session held on 1-2 December 2016 in Vienna. The UK delegation informed the meeting about their intention to present a draft resolution on new psychoactive substances for the 60th CND session. Delegations also shared their plans as regards organising side events at the forthcoming CND session.

5. Information on relevant international events

The representative of the EEAS updated the meeting on the latest developments as regards the resolution on the moratorium of the death penalty and the omnibus resolution on drugs, especially in relation to the references to the UNGASS outcome document.

The representative of the UK reported on the outcomes of the Meeting of the International Action Group on New Psychoactive Substances held on 29 November 2016 in Vienna, including on the proposal for the International Action Group to produce a report compiling the steps taken by members of the Group to implement the new psychoactive substances recommendations of the UNGASS Outcome Document. The speaker also invited everybody interested to participate in the next meeting of the Group, which would be held in the margins of the forthcoming 60th CND session.

6. Report on the Dublin Group meeting

The Romanian Presidency of the Dublin Group reported on the meeting of the Dublin Group held on 10 November 2016. The President also recalled the proposals to improve the functioning of the Group put forward during the meeting.

7. Presentation of the priorities of the incoming Maltese Presidency

The representative of the incoming Maltese Presidency presented the calendar of the HDG and related meetings during the Maltese Presidency.

8. AOB

– Schengen declarations

The NL delegation informed the meeting about the intention to make an English summary of different national practices as regards granting of Schengen declarations enabling patients to take their medicine with them while travelling abroad in the Schengen zone and to share it with delegations.

– Meeting of the expert group on alternatives to coercive sanctions

The representative of the Commission informed delegations about the intention to organise a meeting of the expert group on alternatives to coercive sanctions on 1 March 2017.
