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From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 6 December 2016
To: Law Enforcement Working Party
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Law Enforcement Working Party adopted the agenda as set out in CM 4936/1/16 REV 1 with an addition of an information point from the Commission under AOB.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Working Party took note of the brief presentation by the Chair about the outcome of the last trilogue on the proposed weapons directive, about the recent meetings of the LEWP-related expert groups and networks and the conference on environmental crime held on 24-25 November 2016. Delegations were also invited to send their contributions in relation to JPCO ARES by 15 December 2016. The upcoming expert meeting in relation to the implementation of action 5 of the Action Plan on financial investigations, to be held on 13-15 December 2016 in Brussels, was also referred to.

3. Discussion on the draft Council Conclusions on countering environmental crime

Following the presentation by the Presidency of the draft Council Conclusions on countering environmental crime, which were revised following the joint LEWP-CCWP meeting of 7 November 2016 (13644/1/16 REV 1), and taking into account further drafting suggestions made by several delegations, the Working Party agreed to the text of the draft Council Conclusions set out in 15184/16 and to submitting them to Coreper and the Council for adoption¹, subject to the lifting of the UK scrutiny reservation.

4. JPO CARS: final report

Following the presentation by the SK expert, the Working Party agreed to the recommendations contained in the final report on JPO CARS as set out in 14689/16. Delegations were informed that the statistics in Sections 5.3 and 5.5 of this report would be updated to incorporate additional information from two Member States².

5. Expert groups and networks related to the LEWP:

5.1 Overview of expert groups and networks related to the LEWP and the provisional planning of their meetings

The Working Party took note of the overview of the provisional planning of the meetings of expert groups and networks related to the LEWP, updated following the meeting of the current and the five incoming Presidencies (7113/1/16 REV 1). Delegations were invited to submit further comments on the document by 12 December 2016, on the basis of which a revised version would be issued³.

5.2 ENLETS: Draft annual Work Programme 2017

Following the presentation by the ENLETS Core Group Leader, the Working Party approved ENLETS annual Work Programme 2017 as set out in 14436/16. One delegation suggested that the topic of the networks' legal entity referred to in the Work Programme should be debated in the LEWP.

¹ See also 15186/16 and 15412/16

² See 14689/1/16 REV 1

³ See 7113/2/16 REV 2

5.3 KYNOPOL: Draft annual Work Programme 2017

On behalf of KYNOPOL the HU delegation presented the draft annual Work Programme 2017 of the network as set out in 13893/16. One delegation suggested to revise the Operational objective 1.1 to include a reference to railways, underground stations and major events. Delegations were invited to submit further written suggestions by 12 December 2016⁴.

5.4 ENFAST: Draft annual Work Programme 2017

Following the presentation by the NL Presidency of ENFAST the Working Party approved the annual ENFAST Work Programme 2017 as set out in 13721/16.

5.5 ENPPF: Draft annual Work Programme 2017

Following the presentation by the Presidency of the ENPPF draft annual Work Programme 2017 as set out in 14692/16, one delegation suggested that ENPPF liaises with ENLETS in relation to the topic of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. Delegations were invited to submit written suggestions in relation to the draft Work Programme by 12 December 2016⁵.

5.6 RCEG: Draft annual Work Programme 2017⁶

Following the presentation by the SK expert, the Working Party approved the RCEG annual Work Programme 2017 as set out in 14690/16.

⁴ As no further comments were received by that date, the Work Programme was revised to incorporate the aforementioned suggestion and is considered approved by the LEWP as set out in 13893/1/16 REV 1.

⁵ As no comments were received by that date, the Work Programme is considered approved by the LEWP as set out in 14692/16.

⁶ This item was discussed in the Mixed Committee format.

6. State of play of the preparation for the implementation of the Regulation on Europol

The Working Party took note of the presentation by Europol of the preparation for the implementation of the Regulation on Europol. Delegations were informed that the Management Board will have to adopt 25 legal acts in total, which could be divided into 7 categories or topics: data processing, confidentiality, staff, governance, financial rules, external relations, miscellaneous. A number of those acts have already been prepared, some others were underway.

7. Implementation of the Action Plan on the way forward in view of the creation of an European Forensic Science Area: presentation of a questionnaire

The Working Party took note of the brief introduction by the Presidency of the questionnaire set out in CM 5019/16 in relation to the implementation of Action 2 of the Action Plan on the way forward in view of the creation of an European Forensic Science Area. Delegations were invited to provide contributions to this questionnaire by 15 February 2017.

8. Presentation of proposed actions against metal theft

The Working Party took note of the brief introduction by the Presidency as regards the scale and consequences of metal theft in Europe and of the presentation about the proposed actions against metal theft by the representatives of the European Coalition against Metal Theft as set out in 14696/16.

9. Presentation of the priorities of the incoming MT Presidency

The Working Party took note of the presentation of the priorities of the incoming MT Presidency. Delegations were also informed about the provisional dates of meetings of the LEWP and of its related networks and expert groups. A brief exchange of views as regards the way forward with the draft template for a bilateral agreement on the cooperation between the host and a participating country in connection with a major international football tournament (12261/16) took place.

10. Any other business

The Working Party took note of the information by the Commission Services about the strategic training needs assessment, aimed at guiding the activities of CEPOL. Delegations were informed that an external contractor was developing a methodology for such an assessment, which would be submitted to the Member States for validation. The strategic training needs assessment is expected to be carried out by the end 2017.
