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## **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
On: 6 and 7 February 2014  
To: Horizontal Working Party on Drugs  
Subject: Summary of discussions

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### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 1334/14 with the addition of the following AOB points:

- Involvement of the civil society;
- New legislation on drug precursors.

### **2. Information concerning the proceedings of other EU bodies**

The Presidency informed the delegations about the examination of the Proposal for a Regulation on new psychoactive substances (doc. 13857/13 CORDROGUE 87 SAN 344 DROIPEN 110 CODEC 2068) at the European Parliament LIBE committee and the presentation of the Proposal for a Directive amending Council Framework Decision 2004/757/JHA of 25 October 2004 laying down minimum provisions on the constituent elements of criminal acts and penalties in the field of illicit drug trafficking, as regards the definition of drug (doc. 13865/13 DROIPEN 109 CORDROGUE 88 SAN 345 CODEC 2069) at the DROIPEN working party.

A few delegations noted that DROIPEN should only examine the proposal for a Directive once the discussion at the HDG on the draft Regulation was very much advanced.

### **3. State of play concerning the risk assessment on a new psychoactive substances 425I-NBOMe, AH-7921, MDPV, methoxetamine**

The representative of the EMCDDA presented the joint reports on the above-mentioned new psychoactive substances and the Presidency informed the delegations that EMCDDA and Europol were requested to conduct risk assessments on these substances.

The representative of the EMCDDA also informed the delegates that a few additional joint reports could be launched by the end of February.

### **4. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on new psychoactive substances**

The delegations further examined the above-mentioned draft Regulation, outlined in doc. 13857/13 CORDROGUE 87 SAN 344 DROIPEN 110 CODEC 2068 and the revised version of some provisions of the draft Regulation provided in doc. 5690/14 CORDROGUE 6 SAN 39 DROIPEN 9 CODEC 179. The meeting discussed the public health approach as a guiding direction of the proposal, the possibility to include the preventive approach into the draft Regulation, the generic approach towards classifying substances, the proposed new system for classifying risk levels, the decision-making procedure and the duration of the whole process of dealing with these substances. The delegations also shared ideas on how to improve the definition of new psychoactive substances.

A number of delegations, including AT, DE, DK, FR, HU, IE, IT, LV, NL, PL, PT, RO and UK hold a general scrutiny reservation on the text. Delegations were asked to provide written comments on the articles discussed during the meeting by the end of the month.

### **5. Preparation for the High Level CND session in 2014**

The Presidency updated the delegations on the outcome of the intersessional meeting held on 14 January 2014 as well as the informal meetings and the state of play of negotiations on the revised CND Chair's proposal for the draft Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 High-Level Review, especially as regards the EU priorities.

The delegations discussed the revised draft CND resolution on addressing the current challenges in the context of the original spirit of the international drug conventions (doc. DS 1019/1/14) and it was agreed to incorporate certain provisions of the draft resolution into the text of the EU statements.

The delegations further examined the revised draft CND resolutions concerning drug demand policy under changing economic circumstances (doc. DS 2082/1/13 REV 1) and training needs as regards substance use disorders (doc. DS 2045/2/13 REV 2) and provided comments so as to revise the text with a view to tabling the resolutions on behalf of the EU.

The meeting was informed about two side events to be held in the margins of the 57th CND session in Vienna - a side event on the EU policy cycle for the fight against serious and organised crime to be organised by the EU Delegation in Vienna and the Presidency on 18 March 2014 and the side event “Health-the cornerstone of future drug policy” to be organised by the LT delegation on 19 March 2014.

## **6. Preparation for the XVIth High Level meeting of the EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs**

The Presidency gave an outline of the foreseen agenda of the above-mentioned meeting which will be held in Athens, Greece, on 18-19 June 2014. Topics for thematic debates and information points to be presented at this meeting were discussed, notably on the basis of Presidency and LT suggestions. The representative of the Commission also suggested making a presentation of the recently issued study on judicial cooperation between the EU and Latin America during this meeting.

The Draft Athens declaration (contained in doc. DS 1046/14) to be adopted at the EU-CELAC High Level meeting was examined with a view to submitting the draft Declaration to the CELAC side for the first comments.

A deadline of 17 February 2014 was set for providing comments on the draft Athens declaration and proposing topics for thematic debates/presentations to be made during the EU-CELAC High Level meeting.

## 7. AOB

- Involvement of the civil society

The delegations discussed the involvement of the civil society in the HDG work and the Presidency informed the delegates about a letter received from a network of NGOs working within Western Balkans.

- New legislation on drug precursors

The CZ delegation informed the meeting about the new legislation on drug precursors which entered into force on 1 January 2014.

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