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## **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**From:** Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) - Mixed Committee  
(EU-Iceland/Norway/Switzerland/Liechtenstein)

**On:** 17 January 2017

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**Subject:** Summary of discussions

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

The agenda set out in CM 1024/1/17 REV 1 was adopted with the addition of one item under AOB.

### **2. Report by the Presidency**

The Presidency reported on the relevant issues addressed at different meetings, including the following:

- On 24 November 2016 the Working Party on Civil Law Matters (Brussels IIa) discussed the issue of preventive alerts for missing minors in the SIS and agreed to maintain a synergy between their group and the Schengen Matters Working Party.
- At the meeting of the Working Party on Cooperation in Criminal Matters (COPEN) on Friday 16 December 2016, the Presidency informed the delegations about the follow-up to the questionnaire with regard to ‘Alerts pursuant to Article 26 of the SIS II Decision - practical issues following a hit’.

- On 19 December 2016, COSI took note of the renewed European Union internal security strategy and counter-terrorism implementation report (15277/1/16 REV 1), which includes the contribution of the SIS/SIRENE working group in this area.
- On 21 December 2016, the Commission issued a report on the evaluation of the SIS II, the related staff working document and three proposals on the use of the SIS, i.e. for border checks, police and judicial cooperation, and returns.
- On 16 January 2017, the Schengen Matters Working Group (Acquis) started examining the provisions of the new proposals presented by the Commission. The group will meet again on 8 February to continue with its article-by-article examination of the proposals.
- The Presidency also provided information regarding the ongoing discussion within the Council on the setting up of an entry/exit system and the ETIAS; and on the agreement reached at the beginning of December 2016 on amending the Schengen Borders Code to allow for systematic checks at the borders. It is now in the process of adoption by the Council.

### **3. Report of the Commission on the evaluation of the SIS II**

On the basis of 15810/16 SIRIS 175 COMIX 860 + ADD 1 the Commission gave a presentation on the report on the evaluation of the SIS II, the evaluation process, the main findings and the conclusions reached.

### **4. SIS SIRENE Training Needs 2018 – 2020**

The Presidency presented the questionnaire set out in 5038/17 SIRIS 1 COMIX 2 ENFOPOL 20 and asked the delegations to submit their replies by 28 February 2017.

### **5. Strengthening Member States' Cooperation in the field of Missing Persons**

The Presidency followed up on the discussions regarding this issue that took place at the meeting of the Working Party on Civil Law Matters on 24 November 2016, at which there was general support for the introduction of preventive alerts in the SIS.

Delegations exchanged views on how the SIS could be used to better tackle this issue.

## **6. Enhance the use of SIS in the Fight against Terrorism – Article 36 Alerts**

Delegations exchanged views based on the questions set out in 5233/17, with the aim of improving the use of Article 36 alerts under the SIS II Decision<sup>1</sup> and possibly creating a new type of action to facilitate preliminary and temporary holding or detention in the context of the fight against terrorism.

In order to better prepare for future discussion, the Presidency invited delegations to send in their comments by 27 January 2017.

## **7. Strengthening Member States' Cooperation in the field of Surrenders/Extraditions**

The Presidency followed up on the discussions on this issue that took place at the COPEN Working Party meeting on 16 December 2016. It confirmed the conclusions set out in 15311/16, which establish that the two main problems relating to surrenders and extraditions are the physical non-availability of the person to be surrendered, and transit-related issues.

Delegations exchanged views on this subject.

## **8. Interim Report of the High Level Expert Group**

The Commission reported on the state of play of the work of the High-Level Experts Group on the basis of the interim report issued in December 2016, focusing on the aspects relevant to the SIS and SIRENE.

## **9. Roadmap to enhance information exchange and information management including interoperability solutions in the Justice and Home Affairs area**

In order to start following up on the implementation of the relevant actions in the roadmap, as set out in 13554/1/16 REV 1, the Presidency invited delegations to send in their comments by 15 February 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision 2007/533/JHA of 12 June 2007 on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 205, 7.8.2007, p. 63).

**10. Functioning of the Coordination Mechanism for the implementation of EU and UN sanctions**

The GSC informed the Working Party that the coordination mechanism for the implementation of EU and UN sanctions became operational on 1 January 2017. The Working Party took note of the information.

**11. AOB**

IE informed the Working Party that it had started the project to establish access to the SIS.

**12. Confirmation by the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) of the decisions prepared by the Mixed Committee**

The GSC summarised the conclusions of the meeting.

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