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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 24 and 25 January 2017
To: Delegations
Subject: Outcome of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs of 24-25 January 2017

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as outlined in doc. CM 1213/17 with the postponement of the AOB point "Presentation by the Greek delegation of the outcomes of the project on waste water analysis" to the next meeting and the addition of the following points under AOB:

- Update on new psychoactive substance acryloylfentanyl;
- CND elections;
- Expert group meeting on alternatives to coercive sanctions.

2. Evaluation of the implementation of the EU Drugs Strategy 2013-2020 and the EU Action Plan on Drugs 2013-2016

The representative of the Commission gave an overview of the results of the mid-term evaluation of the EU Drugs Strategy 2013-2020 and the evaluation of the EU Action Plan on Drugs 2013-2016, completed by external evaluators on the basis of criteria of effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and EU added value. The results of the evaluation demonstrated that the majority of actions have been implemented and significant progress had been made as well as indicated the necessity for a new EU action plan on drugs, which would be an updated version of the last action plan. The Presidency informed the meeting about their intention to adopt the new EU Action Plan on Drugs by the end of their Presidency.

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

The Presidency updated delegations on the ongoing first intersessional CND meeting, which started on 23 January 2017. The representative of the EEAS presented the EU Heads of Mission in Vienna report on post-UNGASS matters, stressing the importance of the UNGASS outcome document and outlining some specific proposals for pursuing the EU priorities in this context. Delegations were asked to communicate by the next HDG meeting examples of risk and harm reduction projects planned or implemented with third countries. The speaker also reported on a recent WEOG meeting with the CND Chair held on 18 January 2017, during which it was emphasised that the UNGASS outcome document reflected the present state of the global consensus on drug policy and should thus be the key reference document for all future activity on drugs.

4. Preparation for the 60th CND session

The representative of the EMCDDA gave an overview of the substances proposed by the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence for scheduling at 60th CND session and the representative of the Commission informed the meeting that they were preparing a proposal for a Council decision as regards these substances. The Presidency noted that the deadline for the adoption of this Council decision will be very tight and the representative of the Council Legal Service explained the procedure to be followed.

The UK delegation presented a revised proposal for a CND resolution on new psychoactive substances contained in doc. WK 104/2017 REV 1. Delegations were asked to provide further comments on the proposal by 27 January 2017.

The Presidency updated delegations on the EU side event at the 60th CND session on alternatives to coercive sanctions. Delegations updated the meeting as regards their planned side events at the forthcoming CND session.

5. Information on the relevant international events

The NL delegation informed delegations about the forthcoming meeting of the WHO Executive Board.

6. Preparation for the EU-US dialogue on drugs

The Presidency presented the proposed agenda of the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 10 February 2017 as a videoconference (doc. WK 545/2017).

7. Preparation for the EU-Brazil dialogue on drugs

The Presidency and the representative of the EEAS presented the proposed agenda of the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 16 March 2017 in the margins of the 60th CND session in Vienna (doc. WK 661/2017).

8. AOB

– *Update on new psychoactive substance acryloylfentanyl*

The Presidency informed delegations that on 23 January 2017 the Council has decided to request the EMCDDA to conduct a risk assessment on acryloylfentanyl.

– *CND elections*

The FR and UK delegations informed the meeting that they would be standing for the re-election to the CND in April 2017.

– *Expert group meeting on alternatives to coercive sanctions*

The representative of the Commission recalled delegations about the forthcoming expert meeting on alternatives to coercive sanctions to be held on 1 March 2017, the invitations to which had been recently sent out.
