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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 9 and 10 February 2017
To: Delegations
Subject: Outcome of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs of 9-10 February 2017

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as outlined in doc. **CM 1444/17** with the addition of the following points under AOB:

- Lisbon Addictions 2017;
- Expert group meeting on alternatives to coercive sanctions;
- Legislation on new psychoactive substances.

2. Evaluation of the implementation of the EU Drugs Strategy 2013-2020 and the EU Action Plan on Drugs 2013-2016: discussion on the results by delegations

The representative of the Commission summarised 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, which demonstrated the need for the new EU action plan on drugs, which should be an updated version of the last action plan. The representative also informed the meeting that the proposal for an EU action plan on drugs 2017-2020 would be provided for discussion at the next HDG meeting.

3. Preparation for the 60th CND session

The representative of the Commission presented the proposal for a Council decision as regards international scheduling of new psychoactive substances at the forthcoming CND session (doc. 5912/17 + ADD 1). Delegations expressed their views on tabling such a proposal. A deadline of 17 February 2017 was set for providing drafting comments on the proposal.

The UK delegation informed the meeting about the decision to table the draft CND resolution on new psychoactive substances contained in doc. WK 104/2017 REV 2 on a national basis. The representative of the EEAS informed delegations about the draft resolutions for the forthcoming CND session to be tabled by the CND Chair and third countries, on which the discussion would be held at the next HDG meeting. The Presidency updated delegations on the EU side event on alternatives to coercive sanctions to be organised at the 60th CND session.

4. Information on relevant international events

The representative of the EEAS informed the meeting about the visit to the Philippines in the framework of Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) plus regime, which covers the monitoring of the implementation of core international conventions, including the three UN conventions on drugs. The FR delegation gave an overview of the Paris Pact consultative group meeting held in Vienna on 1-2 February 2017, during which they presented the vision of the future of the Paris Pact. Delegations explained their wish to streamline the Paris Pact initiative so as to make it more efficient. Delegations also shared information on the forthcoming conference on UNGASS follow-up and best practices to tackle drug-related money flows to be held in Iran in February 2017. The NL delegation informed delegations about the results of the WHO Executive Board meeting. NL delegation also reported on the Brandenburg forum meeting on the UNGASS follow-up, held in Germany on 7-8 February 2017.

5. Preparation for the EU-US dialogue on drugs

The Presidency recalled the above-mentioned meeting to be held as a videoconference on 10 February 2017, the agenda of which is contained in doc. 5629/1/17 REV 1 CORDROGUE 8 SAN 41 USA 5.

6. Preparation for the EU-CELAC Technical Committee meeting

The Presidency presented the proposed agenda of the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 29 March 2017 (doc. WK 1179/2017).

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

The representative of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) Secretariat gave an overview of the actions taken by the CND and different meetings held with a view to implementing the recommendations outlined in the UNGASS outcome document. She also recalled recommendations made by the UNGASS facilitator as regards the UNGASS implementation, and informed the meeting that the facilitator would present his conclusions from the last intersessional meetings and recommendations for the way forward at the 60th CND session. The speaker also noted the importance of holding drug-related discussions in a broader context and explained that cooperation with other UN bodies was increasing, including with the Commission on the Status of Women, the Statistical Commission and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ).

The representative of the CND Secretariat also presented the possible Commission's input in implementing the UNGASS recommendations, including strengthening the subsidiary bodies of the CND, supporting the implementation of specific UNGASS recommendations as well as supporting efforts towards strengthening the coordination between the CND and other relevant UN bodies. The speaker explained that additional segments on health-related issues could be held back-to-back with the existing agenda items focused on drug supply issues during the meetings of the CND subsidiary bodies and that the organization of meetings in this new, comprehensive format could make efficient use of the existing provisions and resources for these meetings.

8. AOB

- *Presentation by the Greek delegation of the outcomes of the project on waste water analysis*

The EL delegation presented the concept of waste water-based epidemiology, a new approach for the estimation of licit and illicit drug use, based on measurements of urinary excreted drugs and their metabolites in untreated waste water, as well as the findings on the drug use patterns in Greece in 2010-2014 obtained using this new approach.

- *Lisbon Addictions 2017*

The PT delegation recalled that the second European Conference on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies would be held on 24-26 October 2017 in Lisbon and that 28 February 2017 was the deadline for submission of abstracts for this conference.

- *Expert group meeting on alternatives to coercive sanctions*

The representative of the Commission reminded delegations about the forthcoming expert meeting on alternatives to coercive sanctions to be held on 1 March 2017.

- *Legislation on new psychoactive substances*

The Presidency updated delegations on the progress in the negotiations with the European Parliament on the legislation on new psychoactive substances.