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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 13 February 2017
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 1404/1/17 REV 1.

2. The Maltese Presidency Programme for the Law Enforcement Working Party

The Presidency presented its priorities, which include environmental crime, financial investigations and the European forensic science area, and informed the Working Party about some recent developments and organisational issues related to the latter's work:

- with respect to the Action Plan on the way forward with regard to financial investigation, the Chair indicated that the outcomes of the Action 5 Expert Meeting held in December 2016 would be discussed at a subsequent meeting, as the time limit for Member States' contributions and suggestions for the final conclusions had only expired recently.

- The Chair also provided a brief update on the future agreement between Europol and Denmark: the draft Council Implementing Decision regarding adding Denmark to the list of third countries with which Europol should conclude agreements had been presented to JHA Counsellors on 10 January and the consultation procedure with the European Parliament regarding this Decision was still ongoing at the time of the meeting.
- Finally, the Working Party took note of a brief video presentation of the Malta Police provided by the Presidency.

3. Disaster Victim Identification (DVI)

The Working Party took note of the presentation by the Chair about the priority initiative of the Presidency, consisting in setting up a network of Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) teams. Based on a discussion document (5826/17) and a detailed presentation by a Maltese forensic expert, nearly all the delegations expressed their overall support to the project. Aspects such as exchange of best practices or sharing of expensive technologies in times of budgetary constraints were mentioned by some delegations.

At the same time, many delegations stressed the need to avoid duplication of work with existing structures and initiatives, especially the one within Interpol, and to seek real added value. The need to explore financing options for the prospective network has also been mentioned by some delegations.

The Presidency assured the Working Party that it would take all these comments into account in its future work on the matter.

In this connection, the Polish delegation presented an invitation to the 5th International Scientific Conference “Crime Scene”, which will take place on 26-27 April 2017 in Gdańsk and will focus on investigations of mass fatality incidents of terrorist nature and disaster victim identification.

4. Training opportunities for law enforcement

4.1 Questionnaires on: Forensic Training for Law Enforcement Officials; Prüm Training Needs; SIS and SIRENE Training Needs

The Working Party took note of the presentation by the Presidency of the above questionnaires, as set out in documents 5553/17, 5102/17 and 5038/1/17 REV 1, respectively. The Commission provided some background information on the SIS/SIRENE part.

The outcomes of Member States' replies will be discussed in an upcoming Law Enforcement Working Party meeting.

4.2 Strategic Training Needs Analysis (STNA)

The Commission presented a brief state of play on the Strategic Training Needs Analysis, for which a new methodology is being developed by a private contractor. Results are expected to be brought back to the Working Party at its meeting in April 2017.

The Commission also announced that the validation workshop on the matter would take place on 10 March 2017.

5. CEPOL Work Programme for 2017

CEPOL presented its annual work programme for 2017, adopted by its Management Board according to Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2219 of 25 November 2015 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL).

6. Europol Work Programme for 2017

Europol presented its work programme for 2017 (5823/17) for adoption by the LEWP. The Working Party adopted the programme, which subsequently should be endorsed by Coreper and Council.

7. Networks and expert groups related to the LEWP

7.1 EnviCrimeNet Annual report 2016

LEWP took note of a presentation given by EnviCrimeNet on the main activities and achievements of the network over 2016.

7.2 ATLAS Work Programme 2017

In line with the Guidelines on the relationship between the LEWP and its related expert groups and networks¹, the Working Party approved the Work Programme 2017 of ATLAS, as set out in 5824/17, following a presentation by a representative of ATLAS.

7.3 Presentation of CULTNET meeting of 8-9 February 2017

The Presidency briefly outlined the outcomes of the meeting and indicated it would give a more detailed presentation on the matter at the next Law Enforcement Working Party meeting on 20 March 2017.

8. Any other business

No points were raised under this item of the agenda.

¹ 12915/2/15 REV 2