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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft Council Conclusions on the continuation of the EU Policy Cycle for organised and serious international crime for the period 2018-2021
= Adoption

1. The Standing Committee on operational cooperation on internal security (COSI) agreed on 5 October 2010 to establish an EU Policy Cycle for organised and serious international crime and defined the different steps needed to fully implement it. The Council conclusions on the creation and implementation of a EU Policy Cycle for organised and serious international crime were adopted by the Council on 8 November 2010¹.
2. An initial and reduced EU Policy Cycle was implemented in 2012 and 2013 on the basis of the EU crime priorities agreed by the Council on 9 June 2011. It was followed by a fully-fledged four-year EU Policy Cycle between 2014-2017 on the basis of new EU crime priorities agreed by the Council on 6 June 2013.

¹ 15358/10

3. In accordance with action 43 of the EU Policy Cycle set out in Annex III to the Council conclusions of 8 November 2010, an independent evaluation was to be carried out in 2016.
4. The final report of the evaluation study, prepared by an independent external evaluator was submitted by the Commission to the Council on 1 February 2017² and discussed by the COSI Support Group on 8 February 2017. In order to facilitate the discussions on this report the Presidency issued a discussion paper identifying a number of strategic changes³, mainly based on the actions recommended by the evaluator.
5. Based on the outcome of the discussions in the COSI Support Group on 8 February 2017 and the written comments received afterwards, the Presidency prepared draft Council conclusions on the continuation of the EU Policy Cycle for the period 2018-2021, which contain some amendments compared to the methodology of the 2014-2017 EU Policy Cycle. Some further amendments will be inserted in a number of EU Policy Cycle documents, notably the Policy Cycle Terms of Reference, the Multi-Annual Strategic Plans and Operational Action Plans templates for the EU Policy Cycle, the reporting mechanism and the list of relevant actors.
6. The Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI) reached agreement on the text of the draft Council conclusions at its meeting on 14 March 2017.
7. *Coreper is invited to submit the draft Council Conclusions set out in 7093/17 to the Council and to suggest that it adopts these draft Conclusions as an "A" item on its agenda.*

² 5652/17 + ADD 1

³ 5653/17