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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 15 March 2017
To: Terrorism Working Party (TWP)
Subject: Summary of discussions

TWP (afternoon session 13.30-18.00)

The outcome of the joint TWP-SIS/SIRENE can be found in 7390/17 (to be issued).

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda, as set out in document CM 1779/1//17, was adopted with the addition of one item under AOB.

2. Right-wing extremist violence in Europe

– Presentation by INTCEN [CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL]

Delegations took note of the presentation by INTCEN.

3. Polarisation (political, societal and rhetorical) and security tensions in Europe - impact of the refugee crisis

– Presentation by the Center for Security Studies - KEMEA

Delegations took note of the presentation by KEMEA, the official "think tank" of the Hellenic Ministry of Interior on the concept of polarisation and the impact of the refugee crisis in relation to "reciprocal radicalisation" or "cumulative extremism".

4. Information from the Presidency

The TWP chairman summarised the main terrorist related meeting/events/documents since the last TWP meeting on 18 January 2017, and priorities for the coming months.

5. Update on the conclusions, recommendations and way forward on the INTCEN and Europol threat assessments mechanism

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Delegations in general welcomed the note. A few suggestions were made as to which issues to focus on in future. A revised version of the note taking into account delegations' comments will be issued in time for the next TWP meeting. The deadline for written comments is 30 March 2017.

6. Incidents of significant interest – Information from Member States

Four delegations took the floor to report incidents and/or recent statistics on foreign terrorist fighters.

7. Draft updated Guidelines for the EU strategy for combating radicalisation and recruitment to terrorism

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Delegations in general welcomed the draft document. A couple of delegations voiced concerns as to the scope of the draft guidelines and the possible costs involved and requested clarification on the actors involved. The deadline for written comments is 30 March 2017.

8. ESCN update and next initiatives

- Presentation by ESCN (European Strategic Communications Network)

The ESCN presented its new research programme and ongoing and upcoming activities.

A "kick-off" meeting in Brussels including the ESCN was taking place on 15-16 March 2017, to officially launch the Civil Society Empowerment Programme (CSEP) which, under the umbrella of the EU Internet Forum, will support civil society actors throughout the EU in countering terrorist propaganda online and developing ideas for effective alternative narrative campaigns online.

9. Information on counter-terrorism activities

The Commission briefly informed about the meeting of the EU delegation, led by Commissioner Avramopoulos in Silicon Valley on 9-10 March 2017. The database of hashes announced in December 2016 was up and running, but needed further work, and efforts to bring on board also small companies were undertaken. A senior level meeting will be held in June 2017 for stocktaking and identification of forthcoming priorities.

An expert meeting on soft target protection had been organised by the Commission on 6-7 February 2017 in Brussels.

Europol briefly informed about the meeting of police representatives from the Member States, Norway and Switzerland, in Berlin on 7-8 February 2017, organised by Germany's Federal Criminal Police Office and Europol, and about the EU IRU referral action days, this time involving LV, ES, UK and Switzerland.

EEAS briefly informed on political dialogues with Australia, the UN (in the middle of a reorganisation, appointing a new undersecretary for Counter Terrorism), the US and Russia,

The CTCs office informed about the high level brainstorming conference assessing the EU counter-terrorism policies to take place on 10 April 2017.

10. AOB

UK raised a question in relation to the EU-Russia political dialogue in Moscow 8 February 2017 to which the Commission replied.

The next TWP and TWP/COTER meeting is scheduled for 17-18 May 2017.
