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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 2 March 2017
To: Delegations

Subject: Outcome of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs of 2 March 2017

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as outlined in doc. CM 1747/17 with the addition of the following points under AOB: "Update on the negotiations on the draft legislation on new psychoactive substances" and the cancellation of the following AOB point "International scheduling of the new psychoactive substances".

2. Preparation for the 60th CND session

Delegations provided comments on the draft EU statements as regards the UNGASS follow-up and 2019 global drug policy review, to be presented at the forthcoming CND session (WK 2046/2017 and WK/2047/2017). Delegations were informed that a silence procedure due to expire on Monday 6 March, would be launched on the revised version of the statements.

Delegations also exchanged views on the draft Chair's resolution on preparations for the 62nd CND session. The representative of the EEAS stressed the importance of having adopted the EU common position on the 2019 global drug policy review, which allowed to quickly react to the Chair's proposal.

Delegations also discussed the draft Chairs' decision on strengthening the subsidiary bodies of the CND. The representative of the EEAS gave an overview of discussions held so far on this draft document in Vienna. The representative also gave an overview of the draft CND resolutions tabled by third countries for the forthcoming CND session.

3. Draft EU Action Plan on Drugs 2017-2020: presentation by the Commission and discussion

The Commission informed the meeting about the planned release of the draft EU Action Plan on Drugs. The Presidency noted that this will be the main point for discussion at the forthcoming HDG meeting in the end of March 2017.

4. Information on the expert meeting on alternatives to coercive sanctions

The Commission gave an overview of the discussions held at the above-mentioned meeting, organised on 1 March 2017. The meeting concluded, among others, that all Member States had at least one alternative to coercive sanctions in place, although many had more than one alternative, that there was some evidence on the effectiveness of such measures, however, systematic monitoring of the implementation of alternatives was lacking. Delegations reiterated the importance of this issue.

5. Preparation for the EU-CELAC Technical Committee meeting (29 March 2017) and XIX High Level Meeting of the EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs (May 2017, Buenos Aires)

Delegations prepared for the above-mentioned meetings and put forward a few proposals for thematic debates to be held at the High Level Meeting.

6. Preparation for the EU-Brazil dialogue on drugs

The Presidency recalled that the above-mentioned meeting would be held on 16 March 2017, in Vienna, in the margins of the 60th CND session and that the agenda of the meeting was outlined in doc. 5618/17 REV 1.

7. Report of the EU-US dialogue on drugs

The Presidency gave an overview of the discussions held at the above-mentioned meeting held on 10 February 2017 as a videoconference (doc. 6629/17 CORDROGUE 28 SAN 74 USA 11).

8. AOB

– *UN conference "Precursor Chemicals and New Psychoactive Substances"*

The representative of the Commission reported on the above-mentioned conference, held in Bangkok on 21-24 February 2017.

– *Update on the negotiations on the draft legislation on new psychoactive substances*

The Presidency updated delegations on progress achieved on the above-mentioned negotiations.
