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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
On: 28 and 29 March 2017  
To: Delegations  
Subject: Outcomes of the HDG meeting held on 28-29 March 2017

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### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as outlined in doc. CM 2142/1/17 REV 1.

### 2. “Mid-Term Assessment of the EU Drug Strategy 2013-2020 and the Final Evaluation of the Action Plan on Drugs 2013-2016”

The representative of the Commission gave an overview of 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 that the majority of actions had been implemented and significant progress had been made.

The representative also presented the proposal for a new EU Action Plan on Drugs for 2017-2020, which is an updated version of the previous Action Plan, given that the results of the evaluation had demonstrated that many of the actions in the previous Action Plan remained valid. A few new actions were proposed to respond to the latest trends in the field of drugs.

The representative of the Civil Society Forum on Drugs presented their recommendations on the draft Action Plan, recalling that one of the working groups of the Forum focused on the EU Drug Strategy and Action Plan. The representative appreciated the involvement of the Forum in the evaluation of the previous Action Plan and the preparation of the new Action Plan. He noted that most recommendations of the Forum had been included in the draft Action Plan and suggested some further changes. The speaker expressed strong support for the draft Action Plan and invited delegations to approve it.

Delegations held the first discussion on the draft Action Plan and were requested to provide their written comments on the Action Plan as soon as possible but no later than the morning of 28 April 2017.

### **3. 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 (18-19 May 2017, Buenos Aires)**

The Presidency updated delegations on the preparation of the above-mentioned high level meeting. Delegations proposed topics for thematic debates to be held at the meeting. The Presidency also gave an overview of the annual report of the EU-CELAC cooperation, contained in doc. [WK 3397/2017](#).

#### **4. SOCTA 2017 - presentation by Europol of drug-related findings**

The representative of Europol gave an overview of the findings of the European Union serious and organised crime threat assessment (SOCTA) 2017 report. The speaker explained that drug markets remained the largest criminal markets in the EU and that more than one third of the criminal groups active in the EU were involved in the production, trafficking or distribution of various types of drugs. He also noted that online market places on the darknet were now a key platform used to advertise and sell all types of drugs. According to the findings of the report, the market for synthetic drugs continued to be the most dynamic of the drug markets in the EU.

The speaker concluded that based on the findings of SOCTA 2017 new priorities for the EU policy cycle for serious and organised international crime for the period 2018-2021 will be established and discussed by COSI.

#### **5. Report on the 60th session of Commission on Narcotic Drugs**

The Presidency reported on the 60th CND session held in Vienna on 13-17 March 2017. The UK delegation thanked for supporting the UK resolution on new psychoactive substances and informed the meeting that they would now work with UNODC and WHO to implement the measures outlined in the adopted resolution.

#### **6. Report on the EU-Brazil dialogue on drugs**

The representative of the EEAS reported on the above-mentioned meeting held on 16 March 2017 in Vienna, in the margins of the 60th CND session.

#### **7. Information on the National Drug Coordinators' meeting**

The Presidency presented the programme of the above-mentioned meeting to be held in Malta on 24 April 2017.

## 8. AOB

- *Update on new psychoactive substances acryloylfentanyl and furnanylfentanyl*

The representative of the Commission reported on the state of play as regards the risk assessment of the above-mentioned new psychoactive substances. The representative of the EMCDDA announced that together with Europol they had started assessing the risk of six new psychoactive substances.

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