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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda of the meeting set out in CM 2435/1/17 was approved.

### 2. Information by the Presidency

The Presidency provided delegations with information concerning a number of documents, reports and meetings of particular interest for them.

### 3. Report on JCO Orion

The CCWP approved the final report of JCO Orion as set out in doc. 5486/1/17 REV 1.

### 4. SOCTA 2017

A representative from Europol gave a presentation of the Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment 2017.

## **5. State of play of the EU Policy Cycle and the mid-term review of the renewed Internal Security Strategy**

The Chair of the COSI Support Group briefed delegations on the state of play regarding the EU Policy Cycle. In particular, he highlighted the key features of Council conclusions on the continuation of the EU Policy Cycle (7093/17) and referred to the ongoing discussion on EU priorities for organised and serious international crime between 2018 and 2021 (8654/17). Regarding the implementation of the renewed Internal Security Strategy, the chair of the COSI Support Group indicated that this topic was discussed at the informal COSI held on 28 April 2017. At that meeting, discussions focused on the relevance of the priorities listed in the ISS and the procedure to issue the implementation report.

In the discussion that followed a number of delegations stressed the need to take into account customs priorities in the Policy Cycle and to improve coordination.

The Commission informed delegations that it would organise MASPs workshops to identify strategic goals during the summer and back to back meetings with OAPs in September. Concerning ISS, the Task Force Security headed by Commissioner King is also conducting a comprehensive evaluation of EU security policy instruments. The results of that evaluation would feed into the renewed ISS discussions.

## **6. Overview of 8th Action Plan**

The action leaders, except leader for Action 8.4 Illicit Trafficking of Firearms, gave comprehensive information on the activities already implemented and on the next steps regarding each action.

## **7. Situational Awareness Paper**

The Presidency presented the situational awareness paper (8791/17), which has been prepared with the Trio Presidency and Estonia as the incoming Presidency.

Lithuania entered a scrutiny reservation. As a general remark, Lithuania stated that it was necessary to ensure consistency with the ISS and use the same terminology.

Estonia provided information on the steps that would follow the endorsement of the situational awareness paper by the CCWP.

The Presidency invited delegations to send their comments by 25 May 2017 to the Presidency and to the Council Secretariat.

#### **8. Six months report of the former Slovak Presidency**

Slovakia briefly presented the main achievements of the former Slovak Presidency (second semester 2016) and an overview of the main meetings held.

#### **9. The implementation of the EU Action Plan against wildlife trafficking**

The Commission made a presentation on the main achievements so far in the implementation of the EU Action Plan against wildlife trafficking. This Action Plan was adopted in February 2016 by the European Commission and endorsed by Member States in June 2016 and by the European Parliament in November 2016. In particular, the Commission indicated that it would adopt a guidance document on 16 May 2017 suspending the export of raw ivory from the European Union. Among the next steps, the Commission mentioned the need to better address illegal trade in wildlife products via Internet and make sure that all customs agencies in the Member States would be ready to address wildlife trafficking.

#### **10. AOB**

The Netherlands informed delegations on a seminar "e-commerce – Challenges in VAT at EU Import" organised on Tuesday 23 May 2017 at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam. Speakers will include representatives from the EU Commission, DHL, Dutch Customs and Erasmus University. The event is free of charge and will be hosted at Erasmus University Rotterdam. It is organized by Rotterdam School of Management in cooperation with the Dutch National Committee on Trade Facilitation.