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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject: EU Action Plan on Drugs (2017-2020)
= Adoption

1. As required by the EU Drugs Strategy 2013-2020, the Commission, with the support of an external contractor, conducted the mid-term assessment of the EU Drugs Strategy and the final evaluation of the Action Plan on Drugs 2013-2016. One of the conclusions of the evaluation was that the new Action Plan for the period 2017–2020 should be proposed in order to continue translating the objectives of the Strategy into concrete operational steps and activities. Also, it was concluded that, according to the views expressed by the stakeholders, the new Action Plan should be an updated version of the last one, rather than taking a new approach or introducing many more actions.

2. Following the above-mentioned evaluation, on 15 March 2017 the Commission tabled a proposal for the EU Action Plan on Drugs for the period of 2017-2020. Building on the results of the evaluation, the proposal for the Action Plan maintained and strengthened existing actions to address challenges that continue to pose a threat to health and security as well as included new actions to reflect developments since 2013 and addressed emerging challenges not covered previously.
3. The **Horizontal Working Party on Drugs** discussed the results of the evaluation at its meetings on 24-25 January 2017 and 9-10 February 2017 and examined the draft Action Plan at its meetings on 29 March 2017, 3-4 May 2017 and 1 June 2017. The draft Action Plan was endorsed through silence procedure on 6 June 2017.
4. **As a consequence, COREPER is requested to invite the Council:**
 - **to adopt the draft EU Action Plan on Drugs for the period 2017-2020, as outlined in doc. 9960/17.**
 - **to order publication of the EU Action Plan on Drugs 2017-2020 in the Official Journal.**