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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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To: Delegations
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. [CM 3110/17](#).

2. Fight against impunity for Genocide, Crimes against humanity and War crimes

- Presentation by the Genocide Network Secretariat

a) Outcome of the 20th Genocide Network meeting

The Head of the Genocide Network Secretariat presented the outcome of the 22nd meeting of the Genocide Network, held on 29-30 March 2017 in The Hague, which focused mainly on the role of the EU JHA Agencies in the fight against impunity for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity and on the recent developments in the international context in relation to these core international crimes.

b) Outcome of the EU day against impunity, Brussels, 23 May 2016

The Head of the Genocide Network Secretariat presented the outcome of the second day against impunity of the genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, held in Brussels on 23 May 2017.

Some delegations expressed satisfaction for the work carried out by the Genocide Network and support for the continuation of its activities, including with adequate funding, underlining the importance of having at least one meeting per Presidency and to continue with the EU Day Against Impunity as an annual event.

3. Seventh round of mutual evaluations

- Adoption of the report on Belgium

The draft report on Belgium, as set out in doc. 8212/1/17 REV 1 GENVAL 43 CYBER 58 RESTREINT, was adopted by the Working Party following the discussion held at last GENVAL meeting on 5 May 2017.

4. Seventh round of mutual evaluations

- Adoption of the report on Austria

The draft report on Austria, as set out in doc. 8185/1/17 REV 1 GENVAL 41 CYBER 56 RESTREINT, was adopted by the Working Party following the discussion held at last GENVAL meeting on 5 May 2017.

5. Seventh round of mutual evaluations

- Adoption of the report on Sweden

8188/1/17 REV 1 GENVAL 42 CYBER 57 RESTREINT

The draft report on Sweden, as set out in doc. 8188/1/17 REV 1 GENVAL 42 CYBER 57 RESTREINT, was adopted by the Working Party following the discussion held at last GENVAL meeting on 5 May 2017.

6. Seventh round of mutual evaluations

- Discussion of the report on Finland

The expert team responsible for the evaluation presented the content of the draft report on Finland and the ensuing conclusions and recommendations, as set out in doc. 8178/17 GENVAL 40 CYBER 55 RESTREINT.

EL and DK asked some questions addressed to Finland, which were responded by the Finnish national authorities.

The draft report on Finland was adopted by the GENVAL Working Party.

7. Draft final report of the 7th evaluation round on cybercrime

- First exchange of views

The General Secretariat of the Council presented a summary of the findings, conclusions and recommendations in the draft final report on the 7th mutual evaluation round on cybercrime, as set out in doc. 9986/17 GENVAL 63 CYBER 92.

A number of delegations expressed general appreciation for the draft final report, some of them making preliminary comments, including on aligning the recommendations in the draft final report with the on-going work on cyber-related issues.

The Presidency invited delegations to send written comments on the draft final report **by 3 July 2017.**

8. Follow-up to the Council conclusions on the administrative approach

- Information by the Presidency

NL presented the follow-up activities to the Council conclusions on the administrative approach adopted in June 2016, as set out in doc. 9945/17, focusing on three main issues: the Pilot project on a Multi-agency information and expertise centre in Euregion Meuse-Rhine, the Secretariat support for the Informal Network, and the Work Programme of the Informal Network for 2018-2020.

9. A.O. B.

The Presidency reminded delegations that Member States shall designate the experts for the evaluation teams in the 8th evaluation round on environmental crime, postponing the deadline to **23 June 2017**.

DE raised some concerns as regards possible duplication of work that could arise from having to answer both the questionnaire on the 8th evaluation round and a questionnaire on cybercrime elaborated by the Commission.

The incoming Estonian Presidency presented its work programme, informing delegations that during the upcoming semester the main focus will be on carrying out the on-spot visits and no meeting of the GENVAL Working Party will be convened.

The incoming Estonian Presidency also informed the Working Party that a reflection will be carried out on the methodological approach to the mutual evaluations and that suggestions in this respect would be welcomed.

Some delegations asked questions and raised concerns in this respect, that were responded by EE, underlining that the incoming Presidency is committed to find solutions for dealing with other topics than evaluation reports in other Working Parties, as appropriate.