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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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To: Terrorism Working Party (TWP)
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda, as set out in document [CM 3117/1/17](#), was adopted.

2. Information by the Presidency

The TWP chair summarised the outcome of counter-terrorism (CT)-related meetings and documents since the last TWP meeting on 17 May 2017.

3. Incidents of significant interest

– Information from Member States

Seven delegations took the floor to inform on terrorist-related incidents. The UK briefly reported on the follow-up to the Manchester and London bridge terrorist attacks.

4. Aviation Security

- Update by the Commission

The Commission reported that its efforts of recent weeks to engage with US to avoid a "laptop ban" on European airlines seemed to have yielded some results, at least there would be no imminent US-ban on the condition of proactive alternative security measures ("list of expectations" to be delivered at the EU-US meeting the same week). The Commission further informed that work along three strands of work was ongoing, involving the identification of immediate and long-term measures to mitigate the threat. It praised the united and coordinated approach and appealed to Member States to ensure coordination and cooperation at all levels between aviation/transport and CT units.

5. The Children of ISIS

- Presentation by AIVD/NCTV (Netherlands General Intelligence and Security Service/National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism)

Delegations took note of the presentation by AIVD/NCTV on the indoctrination of minors in ISIS-held territory and the potential long-term challenges for the countries the children return to.

6. Information sharing in CT: the Italian experience in building the C.A.S.A. (Comitato di Analisi Strategica Antiterrorism Interagency)

- Presentation by Italy

Delegations took note of the presentation by the Italian agency.

7. Presentation of TE-SAT (EU Terrorism Situation and Trend) report 2017

Europol presented the TE-SAT report (sent out as [10177/17](#)) 2017, a retrospective public report, covering 2016, based on contributions from Member States and other sources.

8. Foreign Terrorist Fighters returnees - How it might impact on radicalisation in Europe

- Presentation by INTCEN [*CONFIDENTIAL EU/EU CONFIDENTIAL*]

Delegations took note of the presentation by INTCEN.

9. Countering radicalisation and violent extremism: efforts to address prison radicalisation

- Presentation by the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IIJ);
- Presentation by RAN (Radicalisation Awareness Network)

Delegations took note of the presentations mentioned above.

10. Presentation of TWP priorities by the incoming Presidency

The incoming Estonian Presidency presented its team and the priorities for the coming semester. Meetings will be held on: 18 July (joint TWP/COTER session in the morning), 12 September (jointly with LEWP half of the day), 5 October, 7 November and 8 November 2017 (joint TWP/COTER).

11. Information on Counter-terrorism activities

- Commission

The Commission informed on ongoing efforts to counter on-line terrorist propaganda. A preparatory meeting would be held on 22 June 2017 to prepare the EU Internet Forum's Senior Official Meeting to take place on 27 June 2017.

- Europol

Europol announced a new team inside the European Counter-Terrorism Centre (ECTC) to deal dealing with warcrimes, genocide and crimes against humanity. Furthermore, the agency informed delegates that the "Dumas"-group would stop existing as of 15 June 2017.

- EEAS

The chairwomen of COTER briefed on the draft Foreign Affairs Council-conclusions to be adopted on 19 June 2017¹ following discussions in COTER and PSC. The Council conclusions on CT of 9 February 2015 would remain the cornerstone of the EU's external engagement on CT, and the new conclusions reflect the fact that the EU's work in this area has considerably intensified. The conclusions call in particular for strengthened EU response in the broad area of P/CVE including on the ideology, as well as more specifically on online recruitment and radicalisation, foreign terrorist fighters, aviation security, firearms trafficking, terrorist financing and money laundering and organised crime. Greater coherence between internal and external actions in the field of security (the internal-external nexus), determining where external/internal links make sense, which tools were available and how JHA agencies could be involved, strengthened cooperation with the MENA (Middle East, North-Africa) region, strengthened international cooperation, in particular with key strategic partners and relevant bodies and organisations were main themes.

12. A.O.B.

HU took the floor to express its discontent with an EP-resolution of 17 May on the situation in Hungary.

The next TWP meeting is scheduled for 18 July 2017; the morning session will be a joint TWP/COTER meeting.

¹ 10384/17.