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From: Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) - Mixed Committee
(EU-Iceland/Norway/Switzerland/Liechtenstein)

On: 3 July 2017

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda set out in CM 3156/17 was adopted with one new item added under AOB.

2. Report by the Presidency

The Presidency reported on the relevant issues addressed at different meetings, including the following:

- **Justice and Home Affairs Council** meeting on 9 June 2017, in which the Ministers held an orientation debate regarding three important features of an upgraded SIS, and approved a general approach with a view to negotiations with the EP concerning the ETIAS, and in which the Council adopted conclusions endorsing the outcome of the High Level Expert Group set up in 2016 by the Commission and outlined the next steps towards ensuring interoperability of EU databases;

- Working Party for Schengen Matters (Acquis) meeting on 19 June 2017, in which delegations **started the second round of discussions** on the SIS proposals on the basis of revised compromise texts (9592/17, 9593/17, 9594/17), taking into account the outcome of debates during the previous meetings and the written comments received from the delegations;
- the state of play of the discussion regarding the **Entry/Exit System**, and the ongoing discussions with the EP;
- the discussion held in the **COPEN Working Party** regarding the use of the SIS by competent judicial authorities, which could prove to be a helpful tool in judicial matters (both civil and criminal);
- the state of play of the accession of Croatia to the Schengen Information System.

3. Report of the Heads of SIRENE meeting in Malta

The WP took note of the information provided by the Maltese delegation.

4. Present and future tasks of the SIRENE Bureaux and capability building

The Presidency presented 10690/17 and its intention to carry out a mapping exercise with the aim of identifying current best practices, potential areas for development, and ways forward as regards the present and future tasks of the SIRENE bureaux and capability building. The topics to be focused on by the mapping exercise should result from an exchange of views among Member States. For this purpose, the Presidency invited delegations to send in comments in answer to the five questions highlighted in 10690/17, by 17 July 2017. A revised questionnaire would be sent to the Member States at a later stage.

5. AOB

The Maltese delegation took the floor to provide information to the Working Party on the actions taken during the first semester of 2017 relating to the EU restrictive measures as regards SIS II alerts on third-country nationals.

6. Confirmation by the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) of the decisions prepared by the Mixed Committee

The GSC summarised the conclusions of the meeting.
