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CORDROGUE 14

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 27 February 2014
To: Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. **CM 1765/14** with the postponement of the following points:

- Preparation for the XVIth High Level meeting of the EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs (Athens, 18-19 June 2014)
- Participation of the civil society

2. Information concerning the proceedings of other EU bodies

The Presidency informed the delegations about the examination of the proposed amendments on the Proposal for a Regulation on new psychoactive substances (doc. **13857/13 CORDROGUE 87 SAN 344 DROIPEN 110 CODEC 2068**) at the European Parliament LIBE committee on 12 February 2014.

3. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on new psychoactive substances

The representative of the EMCDDA presented the EMCDDA Scientific Committee's answers on the risk assessment system proposed in the above-mentioned draft Regulation, as regards the data to be collected, the procedure of data collection and the additional qualities of the new risk assessment system compared to the system foreseen in the Council Decision 2005/387/JHA.

The delegations further examined the draft Regulation, outlined in doc. 13857/13 CORDROGUE 87 SAN 344 DROIPEN 110 CODEC 2068. In reply to the delegations, the representative of the Commission clarified that by "monitoring" in Chapter VI they meant further continuation of data collection and analysis, as in the current EMCDDA mandate, and the delegations discussed under what events the reassessment of new psychoactive substances would be triggered. The delegations also discussed the flexibility of the Member States to choose the national sanctions to be introduced once a new psychoactive substance is scheduled. The representative of the Commission also presented the procedure following which the decisions on new psychoactive substances would be taken and the delegations exchanged views on the proposed procedure.

4. Preparation for the High Level CND session in 2014

The Presidency updated the delegations on the state of play of negotiations on the revised CND Chair's proposal for the draft Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 High-Level Review, especially as regards the EU priorities.

The delegations examined the alternative proposals for "risk and harm reduction" to be included into the above-mentioned document and agreed on the alternative wording. The inclusion of a reference to the abolition of death penalty for drug-related crimes was also discussed and the delegations insisted on the importance of having this reference included into the Ministerial statement. Some delegations also noted the relevance of this issue in the context of the preparation for UNGASS 2016 and the Presidency suggested that dialogues on drugs with third countries could serve as a good forum to discuss it.

5. AOB

The PT delegation informed the meeting about their new National plan for reduction of addictive behaviours and dependencies, which covers drug demand reduction and drug supply reduction as well as four cross-cutting themes.
