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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda, as set out in document [CM 3505/17](#), was adopted with two items added under AOB.

2. Information by the Presidency

- Presentation of the programme for TWP

The TWP-chair referred to the presentation made at the joint meeting (see [11347/17](#)).

3. Presentation by INTCEN

- Sunni Islamist Radicalisation in Europe (*EU CONFIDENTIAL*)

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Delegations took note of the confidential briefing made by INTCEN.

4. Individual risk assessments and the prevention of radicalisation

- Presentation by an academic, an expert from the private sector, the Netherlands, and an Estonian law enforcement authority on the use of individual risk assessments
- Discussion and exchange of views

Delegates took note of the four presentations made: An academic (University College London) which focused on the scientific challenges and shortcomings/limitations of a risk-factor based assessments (indicators dependent on context, a major obstacle posed by low base rates); a presentation from a practitioner from the "Asimetric Group" which included a programme on "gradual assessment of motivation and risk"; a third presentation, made by a representative of the Dutch Ministry for Justice and Security, describing risk analysis in a multidisciplinary case management setting and setting out nine groups of indicators; and finally a representative of the Estonian intelligence service on how to make a risk assessment and tackle interviewing individuals without any background information, no known identity and no papers. The presentations were followed by a short exchange of views.

The Commission encouraged delegates to consult also to the manual of returnees recently published by the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN), which contains a small chapter on risk assessments.

5. CODEXTER (Committee of Experts on Terrorism of the Council of Europe)

- Presentation of CODEXTER by its Chair

The Chair of the Council of Europe (CoE) Committee of Experts on Terrorism (CODEXTER) made a brief presentation of the committee and its ongoing work; as of January 2018 CODEXTER would change its name to "CoE Committee on Counter Terrorism").

The 2015 Additional protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism of 2005 had just entered into force on 1 July 2017, even if still to be ratified by a number of states and the EU. The Protocol especially targets the threat posed by persons travelling abroad for the purpose of committing, contributing to or participating in terrorist offences, or the providing or receiving of training for terrorism in the territory of another State, having regard in this respect to UN Security Resolution 2178 (2014). Also the CoE Action Plan on the fight against violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism (2015-2017), containing both legal and practical initiatives with particular focus on radicalisation and foreign terrorist fighters, was mentioned. In addition, the action plan provides for the establishment of a 24/7 point of contact network in which the EU is represented by Europol.

Finally, the chairman mentioned that the CoE Criminal Law and CT divisions, in co-operation with the University of Malaga, are organising an international conference on terrorism and organised crime to be held in Malaga, Spain, on 21 and 22 of September 2017.

6. Establishment of a High Level Experts Group on Radicalisation

– Information by the Commission

The Commission informed delegates of the imminent adoption of the decision to set up a High Level Experts Group on Radicalisation (HLEG-R). Letters requesting Member States to nominate experts were about to be sent to Member States. First meeting of the group will be held on 11 September 2017. The group will be chaired by the deputy secretary-general of DG Home. One subgroup will be established, first meeting of which is scheduled for 28 September and a second in November. As requested at the JHA-Council of 8-9 June 2017, the HLEG-R will report back to the December JHA-Council. Germany asked for clear options as to how an EU centre addressing radicalisation could be construed.

7. Information on Counter-terrorism activities

- Commission
- Europol

Europol informed on recently held and upcoming events, including a two-day joint operation on 5 and 6 July 2017 with Finland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and INTERPOL looking at internet propaganda (joint referral days); the annual police chiefs convention on 6-7 September 2017, and a CEPOL workshop to be held in Ankara in September.

8. AOB

Two issues were raised under AOB:

Slovenia briefly informed on progress made with regard to the initiative on strengthening the EU internal security's external dimension in the Western Balkans, including through the Integrative Internal Security Governance (IISG). The IISG would now be established as a formal structure. To that end, a kick-off conference had been convened. It will be hosted by the Brdo process platform and will take place on 8 September 2017 in Slovenia, Brdo pri Kranju. Invitations had been sent to Member States, and more information on the meeting can be found in 11306/17. The following website had been set up: <http://wb-iisg.com/>

Austria informed delegates that the next meeting of the WBCTi (Western Balkan Counter-Terrorism Initiative) would take place the day before the next TWP meeting on 11 September 2017.