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From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 18 July 2017
To: Terrorism Working Party (TWP) / COTER
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda, as set out in document **CM 3498/1/17 REV1**, was adopted.

2. Information by the Presidency

The two chairs briefly presented the priorities for the two groups for the coming months. One common aim would be to create greater synergy between internal and external counterterrorism (CT) aspects.

3. Internal and external dimensions of the CT/CVE policies in the context of the Global Strategy and the Security Union

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- Presentation of the Presidency paper and interventions by the EEAS, the Commission and the EU CTC
- Discussion and exchange of views

The Working Parties discussed the ways to enhance synergies between internal and external dimensions of the CT/CVE policies based on the Presidency paper, emphasising the mutual dependency and interlinkage between the internal and the external dimensions. EEAS, Commission and EU CTC presented the topic. The importance of cooperation between law and enforcement agencies and Common Foreign and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions, better use of the CT experts in EU delegations, including creating closer links between the CT experts in EU delegations and Europol, were stressed. In addition, the need for exploring further opportunities of the new Europol regulation, in particular in relation to sharing information with third countries, as well as stronger external engagement of the RAN and systematic mainstreaming of CT into programming and improving CT cooperation with Turkey taking into account the development of the general relationship between the EU and Turkey. Delegations welcomed the debate and made some concrete proposals for enhancing links between internal and external dimension of CT/CVE ways, especially around three topics: 1) more efficient use of CT Experts Network; 2) more efficient use of JHA agencies, including cooperation with Interpol; 3) better coordination within Council preparatory bodies.

Member States are invited to provide additional written input by 14 September 2017 (secretariat.coter@consilium.europa.eu). A consolidated paper taking into account the discussion will be submitted to Member States ahead of the next joint TWP/COTER on 8 November 2017.

4. Strengthening military and law enforcement information exchange in counter-terrorism 10880/2017, 10880/2017 ADD1

- Presentation by the EU CTC
- Discussion and exchange of views

The Working Parties had a first discussion on strengthening military and law enforcement information exchange in counter-terrorism, In response to the tasking given by the Defence and Home Affairs Ministers on 18 May 2017, the EU CTC presented a paper outlining possible options for a way forward, "a catalogue of possibilities".

The Groups welcomed launching a debate on this important topic, some preliminary ideas were provided. Delegations are invited to provide written comments by 25 August 2017¹ (twg@consilium.europa.eu). In case of classified comments, delegations are invited to use the appropriate communication channels. The discussion will continue in the PSC/COSI format on September 26, 2017, basing on a revised and classified version of the document, which will be issued ahead of PSC/COSI meeting.

5. AOB

¹ Extended to 1 September 2017.