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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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 3874/1/17 REV 1, was adopted with one item added under AOB.

2. Information by the Presidency

The TWP-chair informed the delegates about recent and upcoming events.

3. Threat assessments

- Presentation by INTCEN of the six-monthly assessment of the Islamist terrorist threat
(*EU CONFIDENTIAL*)

EEAS (2017) 10362 (to be issued)

- Presentation by Europol: An outlook on developments in jihadist terrorism

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11826/17 (to be issued)

Delegations took note of the briefings made by INTCEN and Europol.

- Discussion and exchange of views on the basis of the Presidency paper 11822/17 (to be issued) of how to strengthen cooperation on counterterrorism threat analysis

There was a general support by delegations for continuing the process and to elaborate updated recommendations when required. Member States were asked to submit their written contributions by 22 September 2017. A paper summarising the way forward will be issued for endorsement at the TWP meeting on 5 October 2017, the outcome of which will be submitted to COSI for endorsement at its meeting on 21 November 2017.

4. Update on the Western Balkans Counter Terrorism initiative by the implementing agency, the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces

The newly elected chairman of the IISG, Rajko Kosmelj, provided update on the state of play on the Western Balkans Counter Terrorism initiative (WBCTi), one of the pillars of the IISG (Integrative Internal Security Governance). The implementation of the WBCTi action plan had started as well as the collection of needs for new action plan (2018-2019). The draft would be adopted at the next IISG meeting to be held in February 2018. The Terms of Reference for the three-pillar structure had been adopted at the Kick-Off meeting in Brdo on 8 September 2017. A WBCTi "Jumbo Meeting" was planned for 3rd week in November. More information on the WBCTi can be found on the newly created IISG website: <http://wb-iisg.com/>.

5. Recent terrorism-related incidents

Five Member States took the floor to update participants on recent terrorism-related events.

6. Information on counter-terrorism activities

The Commission briefly reported on:

- 1) the 5th regional workshop on explosives/precursors held in Estonia in July;

- 2) the first meeting of the HLCEG-R on 11 September 2017;
- 3) the seminar on protection of public spaces (previously "soft targets") of 18-19 September 2017;
- 4) the EU Internet Forum senior officials' meeting on 29 September.

Europol mentioned that only one Member State was now lacking configuration to SIENA. The EEAS mentioned the US new CT coordinator visit to Brussels, the GCTF ministerial in the US on 20 September and finally an upcoming CT dialogue with India.

AOB

Under AOB, FR reiterated its proposal made at the May TWP/SIS-SIRENE meeting regarding the introduction of a 'post hit' information procedure under Article 36 of SIS II.

Next TWP meeting: 5 October 2017.
