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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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To: Delegations

Subject: DAPIX (Friends of Presidency) - Interoperability of EU information systems

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Party adopted the agenda of the meeting as set out in CM 4220/1/17 REV1 with an addition of a point by the LT delegation under AOB.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency informed the delegations that the European Parliament plans to vote on the proposal for the Entry/Exit System during its second plenary session in October 2017.

In addition, the Presidency informed the delegations that a meeting between the Presidency, the Commission and the EP's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) concerning interoperability will take place in November 2017.

The Presidency also reminded delegations about the request to provide comments to the updated Roadmap to enhance information exchange and information management (12223/17 COR1) by 6 October 2017. The updated Roadmap will be discussed during the next meeting of the Working Party on 27 October 2017.

3. Information from the Commission

Delegations took note of two presentations by the Commission concerning:

1. The outcome of the study on the possible registration of border crossings of EU citizens;
2. The outcome of the study on the creation of the common repository of long-stay visas, residence permits, residence cards and local border traffic permits.

As regards the first point, based on the recommendations by the High-Level Expert Group on Information Systems and Interoperability, the Commission studied a number of options in relation to registration of border crossings of EU citizens. The option relating to targeted registration of persons subject to SIS alerts will be further discussed in the SIS/VIS Committee.

As regards the second point, based on the recommendations by the High-Level Expert Group and the Roadmap to enhance information exchange and information management, the Commission studied several options : 1) do not take any action, 2) use the Visa Information System (VIS) to store data concerning the documents in question, 3) create a new system, or 4) use a hybrid solution. The study discovered that it was not necessary to centrally store information on local border traffic permits due to a very small number of such permits issued. The preferred option to store information on long-stay visas, residence permits and residence cards would be to use the VIS. The second phase of the study will be carried out and will feed into the upcoming impact assessment in the preparation of the new VIS legislative proposal (expected in June 2018).

4. Follow up to the discussion on access to central EU systems for borders and security and the need for interoperability (12258/17)

The Presidency presented an overview of replies received from delegations to the questionnaire on access to central EU system for borders and security and the need for interoperability (12258/17).

Overall, 14 delegations sent their contributions to the questionnaire. They generally supported extending the access of law enforcement authorities to EU information systems and stressed that the cascade rule was largely inefficient. Among the main benefits of creating the European Search Portal, the shared Biometric Matching Service and the Common Identity Repository delegations mentioned: better quality of information, improved access for end users, improved ability to track identity fraud, cost reduction and better management of personal data. Using the EES model for law enforcement access was only partially satisfactory to delegations. Only one delegation provided specific examples in relation to combatting identity fraud.

The Presidency invited delegations to send additional comments by 13 October 2017, which could provide justification for extending law enforcement access to EU information systems in the upcoming interoperability legislative proposal.

5. Possibilities for interoperability between EES and SIS (12535/17).

The Presidency presented an analysis of possible interoperability between the EES and SIS, which found that interconnectivity between the two systems is not recommended. A few delegations suggested to possibly consider the issue further in the context of interoperability.

6. Any other business

The Presidency took note of the request of the LT delegation to give a presentation to the Working Party concerning e-solutions and interoperability of JHA information systems implemented in EE. A similar presentation was delivered in the Working Party on Frontiers/False Documents.