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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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

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### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted with one item added under AOB.

### 2. Information by the Presidency

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

### 3. Strengthening the ATLAS network to enhance cooperation between the special intervention units of the Member States in crisis situations<sup>1</sup>

- Discussion of draft Council Conclusions

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The TWP, accompanied by delegates from the Law Enforcement Working Party (LEWP), had a first discussion on the draft Council Conclusions on the strengthening of the ATLAS network (network of special intervention units). The conclusions are intended to serve as a basis for the establishment of a permanent administrative support office (the exact name is under discussion) at Europol and pave the way for other enhancements of the network.

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<sup>1</sup> Delegates of the Law Enforcement Working Party (LEWP) were invited to join the meeting for this item.

Delegations, the Commission and Europol expressed broad support to the text. As to the timeline and further handling: the deadline for delegations' comments is 15 October 2017. The draft will be presented to the ATLAS commanders on 11 October 2017 in Tallinn, thereafter the revised draft will be presented at the LEWP on 24 October 2017, and will then be submitted again to TWP on 7 November 2017 for finalisation, with the aim of having the draft conclusions endorsed by COSI in November and adopted by the JHA Council in December.

#### 4. Threat assessments

- Continued discussion and exchange of views on the basis of the Presidency paper on the way forward in strengthening cooperation on counterterrorism threat analysis

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The suggested way forward, proposing to continue the threat assessment as a separate exercise every six months, and respective policy recommendations to be drafted or amended when needed, was supported by delegations. The EU Counter Terrorism Coordinator's (CTC) role in the process was underlined by a couple of delegations as well as the Commission. The Commission called for a dynamic and flexible process suited to react quickly to shifting threats, with TWP as a driving force. Deadline for delegations' comments: 15 October 2017. The draft paper will then be submitted to COSI for endorsement at its meeting on 21 November 2017.

#### 5. Information on counter-terrorism activities

The Commission briefly reported on: the call for proposals CSEP (civil society empowerment programme) launched at the day for the meeting (deadline for applying 11 January 2018); its communication of 28 September on Tackling Illegal Content Online Towards an enhanced responsibility of online platforms<sup>2</sup>; the EU Internet Forum senior officials' meeting of 29 September 2017; and finally on the CT package to be submitted on 18 October 2017.

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<sup>2</sup> COM(2017) 555 final (12879/17 + COR 1)

In relation to the tackling of illegal content online, Europol informed about the launch of SIRIUS (Shaping Internet Research Investigations Unified System) on 30-31 October 2017, established to support and to get a closer connection to Member States by gathering law enforcement authorities' contact points. EEAS mentioned among other things a Mogherini UNGA side-event on terrorist financing; the GCTF ministerial statement of 20 September 2017; and that a CT expert for Southeast Asia was to be appointed soon. The CTC's office mentioned the upcoming TAIEX workshop with Iraq on 9-10 October 2017 and the PSC-COSI discussions of 26 September 2017 on collection of battlefield evidence which was being followed up.

## 6. Recent terrorism-related incidents

- Information from Member States

WK 9326/2017 (Terrorism related incidents (18 July - 8 September 2017))

Four delegations took the floor to update participants on recent terrorism related events.

## 7. AOB

In relation to the Western Balkans Counter Terrorism initiative (WBCTi), the UK requested clarifications on the mechanisms in place to share lists/names of foreign terrorist fighters with Member States.

## 8. Presentation by INTCEN on CBRN (*EU CONFIDENTIAL*)

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Delegations took note of the briefing made by INTCEN.

Next TWP meeting [last under EE Presidency] will take place on 7 November 2017 and will be followed by an evening “Spotlight” event focusing on alternative narratives online. On 8 November 2017 a joint TWP/COTER meeting (1/2 day) will also take place.