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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	the Mixed Committee
On:	3 March 2014
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Outcome of proceedings of the meeting of the Mixed Committee at Ministerial level on 3 March 2014

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, and the free movement of such data [First reading]
 - State of play
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<u>The Mixed Committee</u> was informed by the Presidency of the state of play of the above mentioned Directive.

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Migratory pressures: trends and outlook

- Information from the Commission

The Mixed Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission, EEAS, FRONTEX and EASO on the latest developments and trends concerning migratory flows towards Europe. The Mixed Committee agreed to follow these developments closely and invited the preparatory bodies of the Council to keep the situation under constant review. It also invited the Commission and the Agencies to continue monitoring the situation closely and to inform the Council as regards new developments and trends of illegal immigration into the EU.

Task Force Mediterranean

Follow-up/Information from the Commission

<u>The Mixed Committee</u> took note of the report presented by the Commission - supported by the EEAS, EASO, FRONTEX and EUROPOL - on the implementation of the operational actions identified in its communication on the work carried out by the TFM.

<u>The Mixed Committee</u> agreed to keep the implementation of these operational measures as a high priority on its agenda.

<u>The Mixed Committee</u> welcomed the progress achieved so far in the five key areas listed in the Commission communication.

<u>The Mixed Committee</u> agreed that setting a clear timeframe for the presentation of the stakeholders initiatives should contribute to improving the effectiveness of the actions of all stakeholders and ensure the respect of the calendar set out by the <u>European Council</u> in December.

<u>The Mixed Committee</u> invited the Commission to continue providing update information to the Council preparatory bodies on the implementation of the communication and to present a more structured and elaborated report of the activities carried out to its next meeting in June.

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Any other business

Information from the Presidency on current legislative proposals

The Presidency reported on the First reading agreements reached on the proposals for a simplified regime for the control of persons at the external borders, for modifying Regulation 539/2001, and for sea border operations coordinated by FRONTEX. It underlined in particular, also in the context of the Task Force Mediterranean, the importance of the proposal on sea borders. It indicated that these four proposals could now be finally adopted and signed before elections. The Presidency also recalled that the agreement reached on the way forward on the Smart Borders Package, which provides for a "proof of concept", involving a study and a pilot project by the Commission, eu-LISA and experts of Member States, should allow for an agreement on the Package by mid-2016.

Implementation of the financial programmes 2014-2020 for Home Affairs

State of play/information by the Commission on the submission and approval of national programmes

The Commission presented a state of play and expressed hope for a swift submission and approval of national programmes under the new Home MFF Instruments.

Information from Switzerland on the Referendum held on 9 February 2014

The Mixed Committee took note of the information provided by Switzerland about the context and follow-up of the referendum held on 9 February 2014 on "Against mass immigration."

Ukraine

The Mixed Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission, EU agencies as well as by SK (on behalf of the Visegrad Group) and PL on the evolution of the situation in that country and on the preparation of a contingency plan, which may be used in case the situation deteriorates further.

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