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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 6 March 2014
To: Terrorism Working Party
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. CM 1711/1/14/ REV 1 with the addition under AOB of an information point on a UK police project and an upcoming seminar.

2. Draft revised EU Strategy for Combating Radicalisation and Recruitment to Terrorism

The Presidency invited the meeting to have a first exchange of views on the revised document (see doc. 5643/1/14 REV 1 JAI 35 ENFOPOL 16 COTER 4) which included comments submitted by delegations in writing beforehand.

As to the basic question how to implement the Strategy, there was no clear agreement on whether an action plan was needed. But in case an action plan would be drafted, most delegations clearly opted for a more concise and user-friendly plan than the current one. They were, however, flexible on whether implementation guidelines should be included in the Strategy or whether an action plan should be issued either as an attachment to the Strategy or as a separate document.

Although the Presidency preferred to focus on the draft Strategy to be submitted to the Council in June, some delegations strongly advocated for finalising also an action plan by then.

Steering the discussions through each chapter of the document, the Presidency took note of further amendments to the text. Delegations were invited to submit by 17 March¹ their suggestions to twg@hellenicpolice.gr and twg@consilium.europa.eu so as to precisely reflect their position in the version to be discussed at the following meeting.

3. Terrorism & Border Security

Presenting the draft Council Conclusions on the above subject, as set out in doc. 6626/14 JAI 96 ENFOPOL 40 COTER 8, the Presidency informed the meeting that only TWP would prepare the text.

The initiative of submitting conclusions on the topic was met with, on the one hand, hesitation and a number of scrutiny reservations, and, on the other hand, support, especially from the CTC and the Commission which welcomed the text as appropriately reflecting the debate at the Ministerial meeting in Athens on 23-24 January 2014.

The Presidency took note of delegations' amendments. It was, in particular, suggested to completely redraft the bullet point regarding border controls, to better define the implication of Frontex, and to avoid any ambiguous wording so as to prevent a confusion between illegal immigrants, asylum seekers and cross-border crime implication.

The Presidency invited delegations to submit further comments on the draft by 24 March to twg@hellenicpolice.gr and twg@consilium.europa.eu .

¹ Note from the Secretariat: On 17 March, delegations were informed that the Presidency postponed this deadline to 24 March 2014.

4. AOB

The UK delegation handed out a CD with information on the outcome of a UK police project carried out under EuroProtect. The delegate promised a written explanatory note on the material to be submitted to delegations in the days following the meeting.

The Presidency informed the meeting about a joint seminar of SIS/Sirene and TWP in order to exchange experience between practitioners on the implementation of SIS II/Article alerts. This meeting would be in the afternoon of 9 April.
