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From: General Secretariat of the Council

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To: Terrorism Working Party

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. CM 2170/1/14/ REV 1 with the addition of an information point by France with regard to a joint seminar the following day.

2. Information by the Presidency

The Presidency outlined the direction which discussions on the topics of the agenda should take and announced to address the issue of Western Balkans and terrorist threat at the meeting in May.

3. Incidents of significant interest - Information from Member State

Several Member States (Ireland, Italy, Belgium, Spain, France, Bulgaria and Greece) informed the meeting of specific and terrorism related incidents which have occurred on their territories. These incidents highlighted once again the importance of the Strategy to be adopted.

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

Presenting the draft revised EU Strategy for Combating Radicalisation and Recruitment to Terrorism as set out in doc. 5643/2/14 REV 2 JAI 35 ENFOPOL 16 COTER 4, the Presidency invited the meeting to exchange views, chapter by chapter, on the revised document which included comments submitted by delegations in writing beforehand.

Discussing the question whether or not the Strategy should be binding, delegations several time recalled that countering terrorism was a national competence and stressed that the added value of the Strategy was to support Member States in their specific national endeavours to cope with the problem of radicalisation and recruitment to terrorism. The CLS, in particular, intervened at the end of discussions and recommended that wording concerning the follow-up of the Strategy should be kept as neutral as possible with regard to Council preparatory bodies.

The text with amendments included during the meeting was handed out to delegations as a paper copy. The Presidency called on delegations to submit by 15 April further substantial comments on this copy to prepare the next version for TWP meeting on 13 May. Subsequently, the definite version should be presented at the joint TWP/COTER meeting of 14 May with a view to submitting it to the Council in June.

The Presidency presented the draft action plan and informed that regardless of the title of the document, Action Plan or Guidelines, it would be presented separate from the Strategy. Discussions on the draft were postponed to a further meeting of TWP and to that end, delegations were invited to submit comments on doc. DS 1163/14 by 15 April at the latest.

5. “Establishing multinational ad hoc teams” - Presentation by Italy

The meeting took note of the presentation on establishing multinational ad hoc teams as a way of stepping up operational cooperation as recommended by the Council in 2002. Only one such team has been created since, namely in 2005 between Italy, Greece, Spain and Europol. All concerned delegations expressed their positive experiences in this regard.

The goal of the presentation was, in case countries agree that multinational ad hoc teams are a useful tool of operational cooperation, to explore ways of defining common work among national services concerned.

6. Terrorism & Border Security

6.1. Presentations

- Delegations took note of the Frontex presentation focused on problems of 'irregular travel' and 'illegal border crossings'. Frontex explained that although it has no competence regarding counter-terrorism, the agency could play an enhanced a role as a coordinator and facilitator to strengthen EU external border security and offered assistance to Member States with regard to border management.
- Delegations welcomed the Dutch presentation on Quick Scan on Terrorist Travel which underlined the added value of targeted and effective use of travel information in countering terrorism and serious crime.

6.2. Draft Council Conclusions

The meeting proceeded to an exchange of views on the draft Council Conclusions as set out in doc. 6626/1/14 REV 1 JAI 96 ENFOPOL 40 COTER 8. The Presidency took note of different opinions on drafting conclusions on the subject at all, and of suggestions to amend the text.

Delegations were invited to submit further comments¹ on the revised version which would be issued immediately after the meeting with a view to finalising the text at the next TWP meeting and to submitting it to the Council in June.

7. Nuclear Security - Presentation by the Netherlands

The meeting took note of the presentation on the "@tomic 2014"-conference organised in Maastricht from 18-20 February as well as on the main goals and conclusions of the Nuclear Security Summit 2014 in The Hague on 24 and 25 March.

¹ After the meeting, the Presidency set 22 April as deadline for submitting comments.

The summit noted an effective commitment from all parties involved and an open exchange of information as a solid basis for further cooperation. Furthermore, a strong attention to public communication was emphasised. It was recommended that development of expertise at both the national and international level should be enhanced, in particular concerning cyber security. In addition, it was highlighted that the international actors involved, such as the Commission, Interpol, Europol and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), provide a solid knowledge base and useful platform to disseminate knowledge and to improve synergies.

8. Information on Counter-terrorism activities

The Commission informed about

- 1) a communication on CBRN security to be shortly adopted;
- 2) real life pilot trials on CBRN detection technology which were organised in close cooperation with the Commission, SGC, Belgian federal authorities and experts in the field and took place during the recent Obama visit and the EU/Africa Summit within Council premises. The thorough analysis of the results thereof would lead to drafting guidelines on the subject;
- 3) the first multi-scenario risk aviation security risk assessment focused on modus operandi with regard to passenger related risks.

9. AOB

The FR delegate drew the attention of the meeting to the joint seminar on the use of Article 36 of SIS II in the framework of the workstream on foreign fighters at the following day in the afternoon session of the Working Party on "Schengen Matters" (SIS/SIRENE).