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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	16 April 2014
To:	Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI) Mixed Committee (UE-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)
Subject:	Summary of discussion

MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. 8887/14 JAI 228 COSI 31 COMIX 218.

2. Member States' use of the SLTD Database: presentation by Interpol and debate

Representatives from Interpol gave a presentation on the use by Member States of the Interpol database for Stolen and Lost Travel Documents (SLTD). Interpol requested that the EU, through COSI, should consider three specific areas for improvement: authorising the routine use of the data in the SLTD database for border security, issuing guidelines for the use of MIND and FIND technology, and ensuring that EU international border security programmes use INTERPOL's systems to detect stolen and lost travel documents.

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The FR, UK, AT and IT delegation welcomed the added value of the SLTD database and urged other Member States to give due consideration to making better use of the database.

The Presidency acknowledged the importance of the SLTD database and hoped that the discussions on this issue and the relationship between the SLTD and SIS II could be continued at the JHA Senior Officials EU - OIPC Interpol meeting on 20 June 2014.

3. Frontex Annual Risk Assessment: presentation by Frontex

The Committee took note of the findings and recommendations of the Frontex Annual Risk Assessment (ARA) 2014 as presented by Mr K. Rösler, Director of the Frontex Operations Department.

The Presidency invited Frontex to keep COSI informed of the follow-up given to ARA 2014 and to closely involve the Driver of the OAP "Illegal Immigration".

4. Any Other Business

No items were raised.

COSI

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in 8887/14 JAI 228 COSI 31 COMIX 218, with the addition of an information item under AOB at the request of the FR delegation on the subject of Europol Action days.

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2. Future role of COSI

The Committee reached agreement on the Presidency's proposal on the 'Future role of COSI' with the inclusion of suggestions made by the DE delegation and the Commission, as set out in doc. 7843/3/14 REV 3 JAI 185 COSI 23 ENFOPOL 86 COTER 15 IPCR 7 CAB 13 COPS 67 CSDP/PSDC 180 PESC 315. Various delegations stressed that work should now start on the implementation of those proposals.

3. EU Policy Cycle

The Chair of the Customs Cooperation Working Party (CCWP) presented a report on Customs' engagement with the EU Policy Cycle (doc. 7222/14 ENFOCUSTOM 33 COSI 21).

The Committee welcomed the CCWP report, which showed that there had been major progress in the engagement of the Customs authorities with the EU Policy Cycle. The report also pointed to the need to involve the Customs authorities to a greater extent in the drafting of MASPs and OAPs, in EMPACT as well as in COSI.

The Presidency called for the necessary cooperation and coordination between law enforcement authorities, including Customs representatives, in implementing the EU Policy Cycle.

4. Disrupting illegal trafficking of firearms

The Committee discussed the Presidency suggestions on the next steps and actions aimed at disrupting illegal trafficking of firearms, notably through formalisation of the common glossary defining various technical terms on firearms, as well as other actions as set out in doc. 5195/3/14 REV 3.

A number of delegations voiced concerns about the reference to obligatory permits for deactivated firearms. An alternative wording was therefore suggested, as set out in doc. 5195/4/14 REV 4, which would be submitted to delegations for adoption by written procedure. A number of delegations (CZ, DK, IE, FR and AT) entered a scrutiny reservation on this revised draft.

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5. Terrorism

The Committee discussed the implementation of the draft revised EU Strategy for Combating Radicalisation and Recruitment to Terrorism (5643/2/14 REV 2 JAI 35 ENFOPOL 16 COTER 4), and in particular the draft Action Plan for the EU Strategy for Combating Radicalisation and Recruitment to Terrorism (DS 1163/14), with a view to giving input to the Working Party on Terrorism (TWP) on how to handle the implementation of the new Strategy.

Several Member States voiced their support for a separate Action Plan, while others made it clear that they only supported the Strategy and not an Action Plan. There were also differing opinions among the delegations regarding the binding nature as well as the time of adoption of the Action Plan. Some Member States called for flexibility tailored to the different national situations. Some delegations pointed out that the Action Plan should be adopted at the same time as the Strategy, whereas others were of the opinion that the Action Plan could be adopted at a later stage.

The Presidency concluded that it would report back to the Chair of the TWP on the outcome of the discussions, with a view to further debate.

6. Any Other Business

Europol Action days

The French delegation, supported by the German delegation, wondered about the operational added value of the Europol Action days and called for more information in COSI about the arrangements for such Action days.

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