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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	16 May 2014
To:	Customs Cooperation Working Party
Subject:	Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. CM 2546/14.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency briefed the delegates about the forthcoming meetings and recently held events and initiatives relevant for customs, including a conference in Cracow organised by PL on 8-9 May with a focus on customs role in protecting the EU's Eastern border. The CCWP Chair informed the delegates of an invitation from Europol to present the report on customs engagement in the EU policy cycle (doc. 7222/14 ENFOCUSTOM 33 COSI 21), as well as the progress of the 7th Action Plan of the CCWP (doc. 12468/7/13 REV 7 ENFOCUSTOM 120) and the synergies with OAPs at the National EMPACT Coordinators (NEC) meeting to be held in The Hague on 27-28 May.

3. Six-month report on the activities of the CCWP

The LT delegation presented the report on the activities of the CCWP during the LT Presidency (doc. 9173/14 ENFOCUSTOM 55) highlighting its main achievements:

- Council conclusions on illicit tobacco trade;
- JCO Warehouse, implemented through co-operation of customs and tax authorities;
- completion of the 5th AP, implementation of the 6th AP and preparation of the 7th AP of the CCWP; and
- setting up of an informal expert group on data mining.

4. Revision of tactical objectives and risk areas for Joint Customs Operations

The CCWP adopted the tactical objectives and risk areas for the JCO Guide as set out in the Presidency proposal (doc. DS 1155/1/14 REV 1). A revised JCO Guide is to be issued as a follow up.

5. Report from the Conference “The feasibility of a European system of Border Guards”

FRONTEX presented the conference report “The feasibility of a European system of Border Guards” as set out doc. 5496/14 FRONT 13 COSI 6 COMIX 34 ENFOCUSTOM 42. More than 100 practitioners participated in the event organised in three thematic panels: operations, capacities, and inter-agency co-operation.

6. Future role of the CCWP

The Presidency presented the discussion paper on the future of the CCWP as set out in doc. 9174/14 ENFOCUSTOM 56 ENFOPOL 119 COSI 33 and briefed delegates of the results of an informal meeting on this on-going issue held on 29 April 2014. The Presidency invited the delegations to provide comments by 28 May 2014 to allow for the preparation of a revised document for the CCWP Plenary meeting in June 2014. The final document is to serve as a baseline for the incoming Presidencies in discussions on how to organise CCWP work, as well as a CCWP input into broader on-going discussions on customs governance reform.

7. AOB

The LT delegation informed the delegates of customs-relevant items under discussion of other WPs (draft Council conclusions on Terrorism and Border Security (TWP); a discussion paper to explore a proposal to establish an operational network to counter mafia-style serious and organised crime groups (LEWP), and sanctions and legal background, Corruption Report, and EPPO (CATS)) and OLAF provided information about the upcoming meeting of the Mutual Assistance Committee (MAC) in Brussels on 11-12 June 2014.
