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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	14 May 2014
To:	Terrorism Working Party and COTER
Subject:	Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. CM 2690/14.

2. Information by the Presidency

The COTER President informed on the preparation of the EU-US workshop in Athens on 22 May, focused on countering the financing of terrorism in Syria.

3. Combating Radicalisation and Recruitment to Terrorism

After the Presidency's presentation of the Revised EU Strategy for Combating Radicalisation and Recruitment to Terrorism as amended the previous day, delegations reopened discussions on the specific point dealing with the role of the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) in the counterterrorism context. Having solved this last outstanding issue, delegations agreed on the further amended text with a view to submitting the draft strategy as set out in 5643/5/14 REV 5 JAI 35 ENFFOPOL 16 COTER 4 to COREPER/Council for adoption.

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4. 'Terrorism and Western Balkans'

4.1. Islamist activities in the Western Balkans

Presentation by IntCen (EU CONFIDENTIAL)

Delegations took note of classified information from the IntCen representative.

Presentation by Hellas

Delegations took note of the presentation from the EL representative.

4.2. General findings – follow up

Delegations discussed the regional terrorist scenario as a matter of increased concern. They stressed the need for enhanced cross-border cooperation with authorities concerned and advocated for the sharing of best practices and knowledge to counter the terrorist threat. It was underlined that due to increased MS interest, this issue would be followed up with a view to further enhancing EU cooperation with the countries in the region.

5. Development and Security nexus

Presentation by the Presidency on the results of a questionnaire

The COTER President presented the results of COTER's internal questionnaire on the development-security nexus and concluded that it was useful to keep TWP informed of COTER's on-going work on this issue, so that TWP could contribute its know-how.

6. Handling ethical problems in counterterrorism

Presentation by the Netherlands

Delegations briefly discussed the methods to support ethical decision-making and possible policy implications with a view to further reflecting on how to implement the recommendations in daily counter-terrorism work.

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7. Terrorism and Border Security

The meeting solved the last outstanding issues concerning the draft Council Conclusions on Terrorism and Border Security with a view to submitting the draft Conclusions as set out in doc. 6626/4/14 REV 4 JAI 96 ENFOPOL 40 COTER 8 FRONT 47 ENFOCUSTOM 59 to COREPER/Council for adoption.

- 8. Statement at the Fourth Review of the Implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy
 - Follow-up procedure concerning the draft EU statement

The COTER President informed TWP on the upcoming Fourth Review of the Implementation of the UN Global CT Strategy (New York, 13 June). TWP delegates were encouraged to coordinate on national level with their COTER counterparts in order to possibly contribute to the draft EU Statement prepared by the EEAS on elements which are relevant to TWP.

9. AOB

No issue was raised under this point.

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