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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 document CM 3071/14 with the addition under AOB of an information point by SI regarding the conclusions of the Ministerial conference held on 3 June in Slovenia.

2. Information by the Presidency

The Presidency referred to two documents adopted by the Council on 5 June 2014, namely the Revised EU Strategy for Combating Radicalisation and Recruitment to Terrorism¹ and the Draft Council Conclusions on Terrorism and Border Security².

¹ 9956/14

² 9906/14

3. Incidents of significant interest - Information from Member States

The Presidency condemned the terrorist attack at the Jewish museum in Brussels on 24 May 2014 in which four people lost their lives and offered its assistance to the Belgian authorities in dealing with the consequences of this attack. BE, FR and DE delegations shared some information about the perpetrator, ongoing investigations and instruments used and referred to the excellent cooperation among the authorities of the Member States concerned.

Several other delegations informed on terrorism-related incidents which occurred on their territories and on updates in the assessment of the terrorist threat in their respective countries.

4. EU Strategy for Combating Radicalisation and Recruitment to Terrorism

Draft Guidelines (DS 1163/3/14 REV 3)

The Group examined the revised version of the draft Guidelines prepared by the Presidency on the basis of written comments from delegations, as set out in document DS 1163/3/14 REV 3 and agreed to a number of changes to the text.

Delegations were invited to submit comments on the new version of the Guidelines, which would be circulated, to the incoming IT Presidency before 3 July 2014.

5. Financing of Terrorism

The Presidency informed about the outcomes of the EU/US workshop held in Athens on 22 May on combating the financing of terrorism in Syria, which reconfirmed the existence of a common viewpoint on the financing flows to and within the country.

– Presentation by IntCen (EU CONFIDENTIAL)

Delegations briefly discussed the classified information provided by a representative of IntCen.

– Presentation by “Anti-Money Laundering, Counter-Terrorist Financing and Source of Funds Investigation Authority”

The representative of the abovementioned EL authority gave a presentation on the role of the agency and its cooperation with other national and international actors in countering terrorism financing.

– **Presentation by UK**

The UK delegation gave a presentation on terrorism financing in the Syria context, which was referred to as a top CT priority for most countries including the UK. She explained how the finances for terrorism are raised and subsequently moved to Syria and elaborated on the UK's response to the problem.

6. Commission Communication on a new EU approach to the detection and mitigation of CBRN-E risks

A representative of the Commission presented the abovementioned Communication³ adopted on 5 May 2014 which aims to bring about progress in the area of detection of CBRN-E threats and put effective measures in place for detecting and mitigating these threats and risks at EU level.

7. Information by the incoming Italian Presidency

The incoming Italian Presidency presented its programme for the next semester. The priorities would build on the work carried out by the current Presidency such as the finalisation of the draft Guidelines for the R&R Strategy and also include strengthening counter terrorism cooperation between the EU and the Western Balkans and enhancing multinational ad hoc teams. The incoming Presidency also plans to address the use of malicious means and methods to carry out acts of terrorism and the issue of isolated actors with a political motivation. A calendar of meetings of the TWP in the second semester of 2014 was presented.

8. Information on counter-terrorism activities

– Commission

The Commission informed the Group of the following past events

- the meeting on the use of internet by terrorists as part of public-private cooperation platform held on 16 June;
- the High Level RAN conference 'Strengthening the EU's response to violent extremism: From ideas to action', held in Brussels on 17 June.

³ 9550/14

– EEAS

Delegations took note of the following information given by the EEAS representative:

- completion of the first series of CVE Training seminars with final seminar for MENA region in Rabat (3-5 June)
- first Regional seminar EU – Maghreb on 'Effective counter terrorism investigations and prosecutions while respecting human rights and the rule of law' in Tunis (2-3 June)
- 4th Review of UN CT Strategy in the UN General Assembly, New York (11-13 June)
- GCTF (16-17 June 2014, Abu Dhabi, GCTF Expert Meeting on Countering Violent Extremism: Responses to the Challenge of Foreign Terrorist Fighters; 30 June-2 July 2014, The Hague, Second Seminar on the Role of the Judiciary in Handling Counterterrorism and Other National Security Cases within a Rule of Law Framework, in cooperation with EUROPOL)
- Malta International Institute on Justice and the Rule of Law inauguration (18 June) - another GCTF initiative
- Political dialogues with Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

9. AOB

SI delegation drew the attention of the meeting to the conclusions of the Brdo process Ministerial Conference which took place in Slovenia on 3 June 2014.