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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
On: 14 July 2014  
To: Customs Cooperation Working Party  
Subject: Summary of discussions

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### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in document CM 3407/14.

### 2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency briefed the delegates about the forthcoming meetings and recently held events and initiatives relevant for customs, with a focus on the meetings of the project groups for actions 7.1 and 7.3 in Malta and Brussels.

### 3. Presentation of the Italian Presidency Priorities

The Presidency gave an outline of its general priorities, focusing on growth and employment, rebuilding trust in the EU and reinforcing EU's role in the world. In the field of customs, with respect to the CCWP, the Presidency presented both strategic (a new role for the WP in the context of the debate on the reform of the EU governance, its identity, the links with the Policy Cycle and the effectiveness of actions) and operational objectives (implementation of the 7th Action Plan, follow-up of Actions 7.5 and 7.10, sharing of best practices and JCO Warehouse II).

#### **4. RILO Western Europe and the cooperation with European Customs and EU Agencies**

The representative of RILO WE briefed the delegates on the cooperation of the organisation with the European Customs authorities and EU Agencies. After a general description of RILO's organisation, priorities and tasks, the speaker briefly presented JCOs COLOSSEUM (combatting the illicit trafficking of antiquities, work of art and cultural goods), REPLICA (monitoring and controlling seafreight cargo to control counterfeited goods), VICTORY (monitoring and controlling sea and airfreight cargo joint customs operation in the Mediterranean Sea to control counterfeited/ pirated goods) and ODYSSEUS (cultural heritage).

#### **5. Future role and reform of the CCWP in the implementation of Customs law enforcement cooperation**

Building on the work undertaken previously, especially by the IE and EL Presidencies, the Presidency put forward for discussion a paper concerning the future of the CCWP (doc. DS 1290/14). The main issues identified were: the role of CCWP as a law enforcement body, the contribution to the legislative process, the EU customs identity, the concrete results and the effectiveness, the commitments and responsibilities of the MS, the financing of actions. The paper made a clear distinction between the two formats: Plenary (strategic and political role) and Experts (operational level). The necessity of the coordination with the Policy Cycle and of a customs oriented threat assessment was also emphasised. The Presidency also underlined the need to adapt the actions to the different types of risks and to examine solutions regarding their financing. 9 delegations expressed their general support for the Presidency approach and suggestions for improvement were made. A deadline for comments was given for 10 August.

#### **6. EU Policy cycle priority on Firearms: Operational Action Plan 2014**

The COM briefed the delegates on the Operational Action Plan 2014 within the framework of the EU Policy Cycle priority on Firearms, presenting both its legislative and its operational dimension.

#### **7. AOB**

No item was raised.