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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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To:	Law Enforcement Working Party
Subject:	Summary of discussions

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### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 3455/14 with the deletion of item 10.

### 2. Presentation of the proposal to establish an operational network - @on - to counter mafia-style serious and organised crime groups

The meeting took note of the presentation by the IT delegation of the proposal to create the @ON network of skilled investigators aimed to streamline the operational cooperation and information exchange on mafia-type organised crime with the support of Europol. A brief overview of replies to the questionnaire (doc. 8065/14) was also presented.

A number of delegations expressed general support to the proposal. Some delegations underlined the need to consider the activities of existing networks in order to avoid duplication and inquired about the possibilities for sustainable financing of the network. A representative of Europol expressed Europol's support to the creation of the network, which could contribute to feeding information into Europol's databases by using existing infrastructure.

The Chair took note of delegations' comments to be reflected in the next steps relating to the proposal.

### **3. Discussion on the draft Council Conclusions on the role of law enforcement cooperation in combating food crime**

Delegations exchanged views on the draft Council Conclusions on the role of law enforcement cooperation in combating food crime (doc. 11466/14) mostly underlining the necessity for international cooperation and exchange of best practices in the area of food crime. Representatives of the Commission and Europol also welcomed the initiative. At the same time the need to involve the private sector and consider the ongoing activities of the Food Fraud Network as well as other relevant working parties in order to avoid possible duplication was emphasised. A few delegations pointed out that in some Member States combating food counterfeiting and adulteration was not within the remit of police authorities.

The BE and DK delegations entered scrutiny reservations on the document while the DK delegation also entered a parliamentary one.

Delegations were invited to provide their written drafting suggestions on the draft Council Conclusions by 1 September 2014.

### **4. Presentation of the initiative on establishing a European operational network to counter metal theft**

The meeting took note of the presentation by the IT delegation of the initiative relating to establishing a European operational network to counter metal theft (doc. 10593/14). A few delegations underlined the importance of fighting against metal theft, but indicated that existing networks and structures should be used to facilitate international law enforcement cooperation on this issue. One delegation presented national activities in this area which resulted in 40 % decrease of reported metal theft and suggested that establishing a list of contact points for combating metal theft could be useful. A representative of Europol informed the meeting about the EMPACT on organised property crime and various initiatives relating to metal theft.

The Chair took note of delegations' comments to be reflected in the next steps relating to the initiative.

## **5. Presentation of the proposal in relation to the fight against gambling and illegal betting**

The meeting took note of the presentation by the IT delegation of the proposal in relation to the fight against illegal gambling and betting (doc. 11468/14). While one delegation voiced its support to the proposal, another delegation expressed its concerns as regards the legal basis for law enforcement cooperation in this area and pointed to the existence of a Commission's expert group on gambling.

A representative of the Commission informed the meeting about the upcoming call for proposals in relation to ensuring integrity of sports events and a study commissioned by DG MARKT in the area of administrative cooperation in this field, which would be finalised by the end of 2014.

A representative of CEPOL informed the meeting about a high-level CEPOL activity on illegal gambling scheduled to take place on 21-23 October 2014 in Italy.

Delegations were reminded that their contributions to the questionnaire set out in doc. 11468/14 were expected by 25 August 2014.

## **6. Presentation of the proposal in relation to safeguarding children online**

The meeting took note of the presentation by the IT delegation of the proposal in relation to the prevention of online child sexual exploitation and other risks related to the use of the Internet and of new technologies by minors (doc. DS 1319/14). A few delegations intervened suggesting that a mapping exercise be carried out in order to list the existing initiatives while also underlining the need to avoid duplication and carefully consider where better coordination was necessary.

A representative of the Commission pointed to the fact that a number of the existing prevention initiatives were outside the scope of law enforcement cooperation and suggested to specify the prevention activities that need increased coordination in the law enforcement area.

A representative of Europol presented the ongoing activities of the European Cybercrime Centre (EC3) in the field of disruption and prevention of child sexual exploitation online and informed the meeting about the network of contact points being set up in this area.

## **7. Discussion on the proposal for the Handbook of best practices for the self-assessment of law enforcement forces to prevent corruption and enhance integrity**

The LEWP approved the Handbook prepared by BE, DE, ES, FR, IT, AT and SI delegations (doc. 11449/14) presented by the FR delegation, and encouraged its use by all law enforcement services as a preventive and pedagogical tool against corruption.

One delegation suggested that this handbook be used beyond EU borders by EU candidate and neighbourhood countries.

## **8. Presentation of the proposal in the framework of EMPEN on preparing the guidelines for police officers dealing with minors who are victims of violence. Overview of MS contributions**

The LEWP took note of the overview of Member States' contributions to the questionnaire in relation to supporting police officers dealing with minors who are victims of violence, as set out in doc. 11474/14. Delegations were informed by the Presidency that recently received additional contributions would be reflected in the revised version of this document.

A representative of CEPOL noted that the upcoming EMPEN workshop scheduled to take place in Hungary on 25-28 August 2014 could give sufficient attention to the subject of after-care for police officers in order to contribute to preparing the best practice guidelines in this area.

A representative of the Commission informed delegations about technical tools of video and image analysis used in the fight against child abuse, which could be helpful to police officers, and about the upcoming conference on this subject in Hannover (Germany) on 16-17 September 2014.

## **9. Presentation of RAILPOL initiatives**

The meeting took note of the presentation by the IT expert in RAILPOL of two initiatives and questionnaires aimed at collecting best practices for combating copper theft in the railway sector and for passenger and baggage control in railways (doc. 11476/14 and 11654/14). Delegations were reminded that their contributions to these questionnaires were expected by 13 August 2014.

The LEWP approved two proposals to organise corresponding European Rail Action Days as set out in doc. 11850/14 and 11853/14.

**10. Operational cooperation at the Nuclear Security Summit, held in The Hague on 24 and 25 March 2014**

The item was deleted from the agenda.

**11. AOB**

No points were raised under AOB.

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