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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 12 November 2013
To: Customs Cooperation Working Party

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as outlined in doc. CM 4806/1/13 REV 1, with the addition of an item under AOB upon the request of FR on training provided by CEIFAC in Strasbourg.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency gave an overview of the main issues of interest for the CCWP, as referred to in doc. DS 1894/13. Additionally, information was provided on the Police and Customs Cooperation Centres' conference, a Frontex conference, and discussions on the future of COSI.

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3. Draft Council Conclusions on the fight against cigarette smuggling and other forms of illicit trade in tobacco products

The Presidency invited the MS to provide their comments on the draft Council Conclusions on fight against trade in illicit tobacco products (doc. 15274/13 ENFOCUSTOM 150 UD 272 SAN 409 DROIPEN 127 COPEN 167 FISC 212). Compromise wording was agreed during a paragraph-by-paragraph discussion of proposed modifications, and only a few issues remained open. The Presidency invited the MS to provide any further comments on these open issues by 14 November 2013, with a view to finalising the draft Council Conclusions at the CCWP plenary meeting on 18 November 2013.

4. The Sixth Action Plan (January 2013 – December 2013) to implement the new strategy for the future of customs law enforcement cooperation of December 2012, based on Council Resolution of 13 December 2011

The overview of the status of actions under the 6th AP was presented (DS 1471/5/13 REV 5).

a) Presentation for adoption of the Draft Final Report on Action 6.4 "The draft Seventh Action Plan, reflective of the EU Policy Cycle"

The Presidency presented the revised draft of the 7th Action Plan as set out in doc. 12468/4/13 REV 4 ENFOCUSTOM 120. As three of the proposed actions did not have leaders, it was proposed by the incoming EL Presidency to assign these actions to the CCWP Experts group. The proposal is to be discussed on an the CCWP plenary meeting on 18 November 2013 with a view to finalising the 7th Action Plan. The Presidency invited the MS to provide their comments on the EL proposal by 14 November.

COM made a presentation on financing options for the 7th Action Plan from the Internal Security Fund.

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The Presidency presented its proposal on the way forward regarding non-implemented recommendations to CCWP and the Commission (doc. DS 1922/13). The document will be revised for the next meeting, based on the feedback received.

5. Organised crime and corruption

Presidency made a presentation on organised crime and corruption vis-à-vis customs.

6. Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament "Firearms and the internal security of the EU: protecting citizens and disrupting illegal trafficking"

COM made a presentation on the Firearms Communication (doc. 15369/13 COSI 121 ENFOPOL 334 ENFOCUSTOM 151 MI 918 RELEX 965).

7. AOB

FR presented the opportunity of training for the customs officials at the European College of Financial Investigations and Analysis of Financial Crimes (CEIFAC).

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