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COMIX 484**

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 22 September 2014
To: Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE/Mixed Committee EU-Iceland/Norway and Switzerland/Liechtenstein)
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 4007/1/14 REV 1, with the inclusion of five items under point 11 (Any other business - see below).

2. Report by the Presidency

The Working Party took note of the report by the Presidency on pertinent matters dealt with at the meetings of the Working Party for Schengen Matters (Schengen Evaluation) on 30 June 2014 and 16 September 2014 and on the meeting of the Friends of Presidency Group on the application of Article 10 of Protocol 36 to the Treaties (PROAPP) on 14 July 2014. The Working Party also took note of the adoption by the Council on 6 May 2014 of Amending Budget No. 1 for SISNET for the year 2014 (8861/14 SIRIS 32 VISA 100 COMIX 217) and was informed about the CEPOL training for Schengen Evaluation experts in the area of SIS/SIRENE and Police Cooperation that took place in Bratislava on 9-13 June 2014.

3. Financial aspects

a) **Multiannual table of authorised C.SIS installation expenditure – fourth quarter of 2013**

FR presented the multiannual table of authorised C.SIS installation expenditure for the fourth quarter of 2013 as set out in 12942/14 SIRIS 53 COMIX 434 which was agreed during the meeting. It would be forwarded to COREPER and the Council for adoption as a I/A item (see 13565/14 SIRIS 62 COMIX 485).

b) **Multiannual table of authorised C.SIS installation expenditure (situation as at 31 December 2013)**

FR presented the multiannual table of authorised C.SIS installation expenditure (situation as at 31 December 2013) as set out in 12980/14 SIRIS 54 COMIX 438.

DE entered a scrutiny reservation on the document and said it would inform the GSC as soon as it was in a position to lift its reservation.¹

Since there were no other caveats, it was agreed that once DE had lifted its reservation, the document would be deemed adopted by the Working Party and could then be forwarded to COREPER and the Council for approval as an I/A item (see 13571/14 SIRIS 63 COMIX 486).

c) **Discharge SISNET accounts 2013**

The General Secretariat of the Council (GSC) presented 8366/14 SIRIS 29 VISA 89 COMIX 200 ADD 1. The Working Party agreed this document which will be forwarded to COREPER and the Council for approval with a view to giving the Secretary-General a discharge in respect of the implementation of the SISNET budget for 2013 (see 13601/14 SIRIS 64 VISA 247 COMIX 488).

¹ DE lifted its reservation on 29 September 2014.

4. Dismantling of C.SIS

a) Main Data Centre Strasbourg

The Presidency informed the delegations of a letter it had received from eu-LISA dated 28 August 2014. The Agency recalled in the letter that since April 2014 there was no longer any need for keeping the C.SIS equipment at the premises in Strasbourg and Sankt Johann im Pongau and called for this equipment to be removed as soon as possible so that the Agency could benefit from much needed additional space.

Following the discussions at the meeting of the Working Party held on 17 December 2013 (15527/3/13 REV 3, p. 2, point 5), FR should submit a proposal requesting the WP to authorise expenditure for the dismantling of the remaining parts of the C.SIS with the indication of a deadline for the work to be carried out.

eu-LISA recalled the obligations stemming from the seat agreement with France according to which the French authorities should make empty premises available.

FR agreed to submit a document to the Working Party by 26 September 2014, requesting authorisation for the final dismantling of the C.SIS. The dismantling would be carried out by the end of October 2014.

It was agreed that, in view of the urgency, this request would be submitted to the Working Party by means of a written procedure².

b) Central Backup Data Centre (ZAS) in Sankt Johann im Pongau

In relation to the letter mentioned above in the first paragraph of point (a), the Working Party agreed to a draft letter, as set out in DS 1370/14, to be sent by the Presidency, on behalf of the Working Party, to the Austrian authorities responsible for the Central Backup Data Centre (ZAS) located in Sankt Johann im Pongau.

² As no objections were received in the deadline established for the written procedure, the document was deemed as adopted by unanimity.

Following informal contacts, such a letter would be sufficient for the Austrian authorities to dismantle the C.SIS equipment and vacate the premises allocated to eu-LISA.

An official Council standard document with a copy of the official letter sent by the Italian Presidency would be issued in due time (see 13915/14 SIRIS 68 COMIX 515).

5. SISNET - Move of SAP PT

The GSC presented 13381/14 SIRIS 56 VISA 237 COMIX 470. The Working Party agreed to the technical changes and budgetary expenses related to the move of the access point requested by PT.

6. Draft Council conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report - Lessons from the European Commission's development of the Schengen Information System (SIS II)

The Presidency presented 12285/14 JAI 627 SIRIS 48 SCHENGEN 25 COMIX 398 for examination and discussion by the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE), in accordance with the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors in the context of the discharge procedure.

The Working Party approved 12285/14. It would be forwarded to COREPER and the Council (see 13938/14 JAI 738 SIRIS 69 SCHENGEN 36 COMIX 517).

7. SIRENE Bureaux hits statistics for 2013 (1 January 2013 to 8 April 2013)

GSC presented the SIRENE Bureaux hits statistics for 2013 (1 January 2013 to 8 April 2013), as set out in 14242/3/13 REV 3 SIRIS 83 COMIX 522. Given its late distribution, a deadline of 26 September 2014 was set for further updates by delegations. The Working Party agreed to consider the document adopted if no updates were received by the established date.

8. Unaccompanied missing minors project

- State of play

The Presidency gave a state of play overview of the Unaccompanied missing minors project, focusing on the outcome of the workshop that took place in Rome on July 2014. The next debate on this issue will be included in the framework of the Heads of SIRENE meeting in Rome, 23-24 October 2014.

9. Training I.T.A.L.I.A. 2014 (plan for staff exchange for the years 2014-2015)

- State of play

The Presidency informed the Working party of the state of play of the project "Improving Training And Learning Instruments Availability 2014". This programme includes a plan to exchange staff aimed at improving the knowledge of police officers working on the different points of contact existing at EU level (S.P.O.C. Single Point Of Contact and SIRENE Bureaux). It involves 49 Italian police officers and 58 police officers from several Member States (LV and MT, amongst others).

10. UK's technical preparation for accession to SIS II

- Information point

The Presidency presented 10161/14 SIRIS 36 SCH-EVAL 57 COPEN 159 PROAPP 11 SCHENGEN 16 COMIX 277 and 11637/14 SIRIS 47 SCH-EVAL 75 COPEN 189 PROAPP 15 SCHENGEN 24 COMIX 363.

The Working Party took note of the clarifications provided by the UK as set out in 10161/14 to the questions asked by DE in 11637/14.

CZ informed the Working Party of the successful completion of the SIRENE Functional Tests (SFT) with the UK and FI. CZ thanked CH and RO for sending some experts, CH, SI, EL and LI for participating in the SFT, and NL, FR, eu-LISA and the Commission for the support provided.

11. Any other business

- The Presidency informed the Working Party of the work that is being carried out within the COSI regarding the draft Council Conclusions on strengthening the use of Interpol's Stolen and Lost Travel Documents (SLTD) Database.
Delegates were invited to coordinate at national level on this issue.
- SI presented the new Head of SIRENE, who will represent SI at future meetings of the Working Party.
- The Presidency provided the Working Party with practical information concerning the Heads of SIRENE meeting, which will take place in Rome on 23-24 October 2014.
- CZ invited delegations to report any change to the information set out in the SIRENE Address Book (SAB) by 3 October 2014. A revised version of the SAB will be presented during the Heads of SIRENE meeting.
- COM also informed the Working Party that the Commission's Joint Research Centre would start a study on the fingerprints functionality in SIS. 11 Member States had been selected to participate in this study and would be contacted in the coming weeks.

12. Confirmation by the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) of the decisions prepared in the Mixed Committee

The following documents were adopted by the Working Party.

| Agenda item | Number of document approved |
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| 3 a) | 12942/14 SIRIS 53 COMIX 434 |
| 3 c) | 8366/14 SIRIS 29 VISA 89 COMIX 200 ADD 1 |
| 4 b) | DS 1370/14 |
| 5 | 13381/14 SIRIS 56 VISA 237 COMIX 470 |
| 6 | 12285/14 JAI 627 SIRIS 48 SCHENGEN 25 COMIX 398 |