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From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 8 October 2014
To: Delegations of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda set out in doc. CM 4330/14.

2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on new psychoactive substances

The Presidency recalled the alternative proposal for risk assessment and classification system, presented during the earlier HDG meeting and the delegations further examined this proposal focusing on the proposed legal basis of the draft Regulation, the suggested categories for classifying substances and the possibility for the Member States to introduce more stringent measures.

3. Risk assessment report on 4-methyl-5-(4-methylphenyl)-4, 5-dihydrooxazol-2-amine (4,4'-dimethylaminorex, 4,4'-DMAR)

The representative of the EMCDDA presented the above-mentioned risk assessment report contained in doc. 13500/14 CORDROGUE 70 SAN 357, noting that this substance was often sold to consumers as ecstasy or methamphetamine, and that up to now 31 deaths were associated with its use.

4. Misuse of and dependence on prescribed medicines: defining the scope of the problem

The Presidency presented the results of the study "The Gender Dimension of Non-Medical Use of Prescription Drugs (NMUPD) in Europe and the Mediterranean Region", in which 17 countries participated and which addressed the misuse of opioids, central nervous system depressants and stimulants. The report concluded that a number of gender differences existed in misuse of prescribed medicines.

The speaker also emphasised that the report underlined a big lack of data regarding the misuse of prescribed medicines and the gender aspect of this misuse. She also informed the meeting about the recommendations made to the Permanent Correspondents of the Pompidou Group following this report, including updating the General Population Surveys so as to better reflect the situation on misuse of prescribed medicines.

5. Minimum quality standards in drug demand reduction

The Presidency informed the delegates that the informal working group on minimum quality standards in drug demand reduction already started their work and that very active feedback was received on the first contribution presented to the experts by the Chair of the Group.

6. National Drug Coordinators' Meeting

The Presidency updated the delegates on the National Drug Coordinators' Meeting to be held on 13-14 November 2014 in Rome, to which the invitations should be sent soon. The Presidency also requested the delegations to fill in a questionnaire on guidelines, laws or other procedures related with internet sales of illicit substances to minors, as this will be one of the topics to be addressed during the forthcoming meeting.

7. Preparation for UNGASS 2016 - preparation for the forthcoming intersessional meeting in Vienna: discussion on the preliminary EU contribution

The delegations examined the preliminary EU contribution for the forthcoming intersessional meeting in Vienna on 23 October 2014 and were requested to send their written comments by 15 October 2014.

The Presidency encouraged the delegations to start planning the draft resolutions for the 58th CND session and informed the delegations that they would be requested to submit the first drafts of the resolutions for the December HDG meeting.

8. **Preparation for the XVII High Level meeting of the EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs**

The incoming LV Presidency informed the meeting about the practicalities related with the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 11-12 February 2015 in Montevideo, also noting that the final COPOLAD conference would be held back-to-back to the High Level meeting, on 10 February 2015.

The Presidency requested delegations by 15 October 2014 to come with proposals for the topics for thematic debates to be held during the High Level meeting with a view to discussing the possible topics during the first EU-CELAC Technical Committee meeting.

9. **AOB**

– *Information about the joint session with civil society*

The Presidency informed the meeting that a joint session with Civil Society Forum on Drugs would be held on 9 December 2014, before the HDG meeting.

– *Reporting on the national measures taken to subject 5-(2-aminopropyl)indole to control measures and criminal penalties*

The representative of the Commission recalled that by 13 October 2014 Member States had to take the necessary measures, in accordance with their national law, to subject 5-(2-aminopropyl)indole to control measures and criminal penalties and asked the delegations to report on the measures taken.

– *Call for expressions of interest for the establishment of a list of experts to assist the Commission in the framework of the Justice Programme and the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (2014-2020)*

The representative of the Commission informed the delegations that the above-mentioned call for proposals had been published.

– ***Results of the operation "Archimedes"***

The representative of Europol reported on the above-mentioned operation, which was the largest single operation in Europe against organised crime, and which, among other outcomes, resulted in a high number of drug seizures and arrests.
