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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: Working Party on General Matters, including Evaluations (GENVAL)

On: 30 October 2014

To: Delegations

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 4642/14 was adopted.

2. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Adoption of the report of Cyprus

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Following the discussion held at the previous GENVAL meeting, the draft report was adopted by the Working Party.

3. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Adoption of the report of Greece

12857/14 GENVAL 50 EUROJUST 149 RESTREINT EU

Following the discussion held at the previous GENVAL meeting, the draft report was adopted by the Working Party.

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4. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Adoption of the report of Ireland

6997/14 GENVAL 13 EUROJUST 49 RESTREINT EU

Following the discussion held at the previous GENVAL meeting, the draft report was adopted by the Working Party.

5. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the report of Portugal

14330/14 GENVAL 62 EUROJUST 180 RESTREINT EU

The evaluation team presented the content of the draft report and the ensuing conclusions and recommendations.

The Portuguese delegation welcomed the findings of the evaluation team and replied to the questions asked by other delegations.

6. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the report of Croatia

14329/14 GENVAL 61 EUROJUST 179 RESTREINT EU

The evaluation team presented the content of the draft report and the ensuing conclusions and recommendations.

The Croatian delegation welcomed the findings of the evaluation team and replied to the questions asked by other delegations.

7. The European Judicial Network's perspective on the ENCS

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The EJN (European Judicial Network) Secretariat presented the document that had initially been presented at the 6th National Correspondents' meeting of the EJN held on 8 October 2014. The objective of the paper was to give a practitioner's view on the implementation of the ENCS (Eurojust National Coordination System), and apart from information from EJN contact points, including in the form of replies to questionnaires, the relevant findings from the sixth round on mutual evaluation had been used as a basis.

15042/14 ACA/mj 2 DG D 2B EN The ENCS had been implemented in different ways in different Member States. An important practice highlighted by the EJN secretariat was the issuing of national guidelines, taking into account the specificities of national systems and giving advice on whom to contact. Awareness-raising concerning Eurojust and the EJN, the differences in roles, of what they could offer, etc., and a clearly defined role for the ENCS, were other important issues. Finally, attention should be paid to the workload of the contact points.

In addition, the EJN secretariat presented its biannual report (covering 2011 and 2012) issued by the Council Secretariat on 11 September 2014¹. The report showed an increasing number of cases and a strengthened role for the EJN in judicial networking after 15 years of existence. Equally the number of page views of the three websites (MLA Atlas, EAW Atlas and the newest tool, the Judicial Library) was constantly increasing. The EJN secretariat underlined the importance of statistics in order to better estimate the workload for the almost 400 EJN contact points.

8. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - final report

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The secretariat briefly presented the draft report. Due to the late issuing, delegations were not expected to be in a position to give comments. The draft report will also be presented at the CATS meeting on 11 November. The timelines are as follows:

Deadline for written contributions: Wednesday 12 November 2014.

A revised version, to be discussed at the GENVAL meeting of 21 November, will be issued thereafter. Subject to the agreement of delegations, the Presidency intends to ask the JHA-Council to take note of the report on 4-5 December 2014.

¹ 13094/14 EJN 79 EUROJUST 153 COPEN 217.

9. Possible initiatives in the fight against organized crime infiltration in the legal economy and in public contracts

Draft Council Conclusions of the Council of the European Union on combating organised crime infiltration in the legal economy through financial flow traceability and monitoring, in particular regarding public procurement
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A few final suggestions for amendments of the text had been put forward by delegations, in addition to those already received in writing. CATS will be given an update at its meeting on 11 November 2014 prior to which a fourth revised version will be issued. Subsequently, the Presidency will submit the draft conclusions to COREPER/Council for adoption.

DS 1326/14 (Exchange of police information for administrative use) was presented separately by the Presidency on 24 July 2014 as part of the package on fight against organised crime infiltration in the legal economy, and delegations were requested to submit replies to the questions contained therein.

Following the comments received, the Presidency had decided to await the results of an ongoing ISEC project financed by the Commission and carried out under the EU informal network on the administrative approach, before taking the issue further. A report would be due at the end of the year.

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10. Commission Staff Working Document: Action Plan on Crime Statistics 2011-2015

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The Commission gave another update on work on crime statistics and data on crime. The expert group on policy needs for data on crime had met on 30 September/1 October 2014 with the aim of establishing priorities beyond the current action plan and to set out a plan and timescale for the completion of exiting data collections. On cybercrime, input had been received from 23 Member States so far. Concerning corruption, the indicators that had been developed over the last two years would be launched shortly. On trafficking in human beings, a recently published Eurostat publication², constituting the second working paper at the EU level contained data from all 28 Member States and more detailed breakdowns.

The summary of the experts' meeting can be found on the following link: <u>Summary of discussions</u>.

11. AOB

The Dutch delegation announced the issuing of a "Handbook of best practices of multidisciplinary cooperation against trafficking in human beings (based on the conference *Putting Rantsev into Practice*, 16-18 April 2013, Amsterdam, the Netherlands)". At the next GENVAL meeting, the Dutch delegation will make a presentation thereof. The handbook was sent out to delegations by mail on 29 October.

Next GENVAL	meeting will	l take place	on 21 Nove	mber 2014

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http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/news/news/docs/20141017 working paper on statistics on trafficking in human beings en.pdf.