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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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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 4787/1/14 REV 1, with the inclusion of one item under item 9 (Any other business – see below).

2. Report by the Presidency

The Working Party took note of the report by the Presidency on the matters addressed at the meeting of the Working Party for Schengen Matters (Schengen Evaluation) of 21 October 2014 and at the meeting of the Friends of Presidency Group (Application of Article 10 of Protocol 36 to the Treaties) (PROAPP) of 7 November 2014.

The Working Party also took note of the adoption in Coreper and the Council of 13938/14 JAI 738 SIRIS 69 SCHENGEN 36 COMIX 517 on draft Council conclusions on the Court of Auditors' Special Report No 3/2014: "Lessons from the European Commission's development of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II)". The Working Party was informed of the adoption in the Justice and Home Affairs Council of 9-10 October of several financial documents related to C.SIS and SISNET, namely the multiannual table of authorised C.SIS installation expenditure – fourth quarter of 2013 (see 13565/14 SIRIS 62 COMIX 485), the multiannual table of authorised C.SIS installation expenditure (situation as at 31 December 2013) (see 13571/14 SIRIS 63 COMIX 486) and the discharge in respect of the SISNET accounts for 2013 (see 13601/14 SIRIS 64 VISA 247 COMIX 488).

3. Management report on the implementation of the C.SIS installation and operation budget for 2013

FR presented an overview of the management report on the implementation of the C.SIS installation and operation budget for 2013.

Presidency informed the Working Party that the report would shortly be issued via Extranet (see 14872/14 SIRIS 75 COMIX 585 + ADD 1). The deadline of 24 November 2014 was set for delegations to analyse the report. The Working Party agreed to consider the report approved if no comments were received by that deadline.

4. SISNET

a) Outstanding contributions for the SISNET Budget 2014

The General Secretariat of the Council (GSC) informed the Working Party of 10 outstanding contributions to the 2014 SISNET budget and reminded delegations to ensure speedy payment by correctly forwarding the invoices and/or reminders sent by the GSC to the Permanent Representations, to the entities within each Member State responsible for executing the payments¹. With the entry into force of SIS II on 9 April 2013 and the exclusive use of SISNET for VISION, the Member States' internal competence for this issue might have changed.

¹ The SISNET Officer incorrectly reported NL in the list of countries with outstanding payments. In fact, NL received an invoice but did not have to pay due to an existing credit.

b) Move of SAP IT

The GSC presented 14808/14 SIRIS 74 VISA 283 COMIX 583. The Working Party agreed to the technical changes and budgetary expenses related to the move of the access point requested by IT.

c) 2015 SISNET Draft Budget (VISION)

The GSC presented the draft SISNET budget for 2015 as set out in 15095/14 SIRIS 76 VISA 293 COMIX 589. The Working Party agreed to this budget. It would be forwarded to Coreper and the Council for approval (see 15483/14 SIRIS 78 VISA 298 COMIX 609).

5. Foreign fighters

Presidency presented the subject, focusing on the approach set out in 14523/14 SIRIS 73 COTER 75 ENFOPOL 330 COMIX 559.

Delegations welcomed the document and endorsed the Presidency's approach. Several suggestions were made, which would be taken on board in a revised version of the document. In general, delegations underlined the importance of exploring the current set-up of the SIS II, whilst identifying areas in which matters could be improved.

The Commission, while welcoming the Presidency initiative, reminded delegations that the SIS/VIS Committee was also engaged in this issue and that its priority was to exploit all possibilities provided by SIS II in order to make better use of the existing tools.

The Presidency concluded the discussion by requesting that delegations send, by 13 November 2014, further comments on the measures set out in the above-mentioned document. The document would be reviewed on the basis of the discussions within the Working Party and of the additional comments received and sent to delegations as soon as possible. The Working Party agreed to consider the revised version approved if no comments were received by 19 November 2014.

6. Dismantling of C.SIS – state of play

FR took the floor to present 15235/14 SIRIS 77 COMIX 596 and informed the Working Party that it had taken all the necessary steps for the successful and secure dismantling of the system within the deadline agreed at a previous Working Party meeting.

The Presidency thanked FR and AT for their efforts towards the final dismantling of C.SIS.

7. Report of the Heads of SIRENE meeting – Rome, 23-24 October 2014

The Presidency provided the Working Party with information concerning the work carried out during the Heads of SIRENE meeting in Rome, focusing on the conclusions of the activities and outcome of the EU project "Vigila et protege".

8. Alerts pursuant to Article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006 on the establishment, operation and use of SIS II: follow-up to Council conclusions

The Presidency informed the Working Party that it was working to address the Council conclusions set out in 17112/13 JAI 1098 PESC 1448 SIRIS 101 RELEX 1090 COMIX 658 and that further information would be provided at the Schengen Matters Working Party (SIS/SISRENE) meeting scheduled for December.

9. Any other business

eu-LISA informed the Working Party of the conclusion and results of the UK SIS II integration tests. The test campaigns to validate the UK's national system for SIS II (UK N.SIS) had been conducted by eu-LISA between September 2013 and September 2014.

10. 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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| 4. b) | 14808/14 SIRIS 74 VISA 283 COMIX 583 |
| 4. c) | 15095/14 SIRIS 76 VISA 293 COMIX 589 |