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## **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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From: Working Party on General Matters, including Evaluations (GENVAL)  
On: 21 November 2014  
To: Delegations

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Subject: Summary of discussions

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### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda as set out in CM 5018/1/14 was adopted.

### **2. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Adoption of the report of Portugal**

14330/1/14 GENVAL 62 EUROJUST 180 RESTREINT UE

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 Croatia**

14329/1/14 GENVAL 61 EUROJUST 179 RESTREINT EU

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

#### 4. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the report of Luxembourg

14701/14 GENVAL 65 EUROJUST 190 RESTREINT UE

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

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

A revised version of the report containing the changes mentioned in the Working Document distributed to delegations during the GENVAL meeting on 21 November.(ST 14701/1/14 REV 1 RESTREINT) has been issued after the meeting. This document has been put under a silence procedure until 28 November 2014 cob. In case no comments are received the report will be considered adopted.

#### 5. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - final report

14536/14 GENVAL 64 COPEN 263 EUROJUST 189

The revised draft report, taking into account comments made at the previous GENVAL meeting and the CATS meeting of 11 November, was discussed. A number of delegations - Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Finland, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Slovakia and UK together with Eurojust and the EJM secretariat had provided written comments as well.

Following the meeting, a draft has been circulated on 26 November with a deadline set at **Monday 1 December 2014 cob.**

Subject to the agreement of delegations, the Presidency, passing by COREPER, intends to submit the report as an A-item to the Council of 17 December 2014 (Environment) to endorse the recommendations.

**6. 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 (distributed via mail to delegations on 29 October 2014)

- presentation by the Dutch delegation

The Dutch delegation distributed and briefly presented the report, hoping that it could serve as an inspiration for other Member States. It was underlined that some of the best practices described contained confidential information, which should only be shared with departments working with preventing and combating trafficking in human beings.

**7. - Conclusions from the 17th Network meeting of the European Network of Contact Points for investigation and prosecution of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes**

15515/14 GENVAL 69 COPEN 288 EUROJUST 200 ENFOPOL 364 COHOM 158

- **Report from the 17th Network meeting of the European Network of Contact Points for the investigation and prosecution of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes (The Hague, 30th and 31st October 2014)**

15514/14 GENVAL 68 COPEN 280 EUROJUST 194 ENFOPOL 358

- **Strategy of the EU Genocide Network to combat impunity for the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes within the European Union and its Member States**

15581/1/14 REV 1 GENVAL 70 COPEN 286 DROIPEN 134 EUROJUST 198 ENFOPOL 362 JAI 878 COHOM 156 RELEX 932 (to be issued); and

- **Draft Council conclusions on the fight against impunity for the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes within the European Union and its Member States**

15584/14 GENVAL 71 COPEN 287 DROIPEN 135 EUROJUST 199 ENFOPOL 363 JAI 879 COHOM 157 RELEX 933;

- presentation by the Genocide Network Secretariat

The Genocide Network Secretariat presented the first three documents, putting emphasis on the Strategy, adopted by the Genocide Network, consisting of practitioners (prosecutors, judges, police investigators and other experts) in October this year, taking into account the network's experience since it came into existence 12 years ago. The Strategy was a compendium, containing a set of measures to support national investigations and prosecutions of core international crimes.

The draft Council conclusions, endorsing the Strategy (that will be translated into all languages), were briefly introduced by the Presidency. During the initial debate 13 Member States took the floor to stress the importance of the topic, many of them asking that it be brought to the attention of ministers. The incoming Latvian Presidency will continue the discussion in the first half of 2015.

Deadline for written comments to the draft set of conclusions is **12 January 2015**.

**8. Exchange of police information for administrative use - outcome and possible follow-up**

15617/14 JAI 887 CATS 187 GENVAL 74 ENFOPOL 368 DROIPEN 138 MI 894

- presentation by the Presidency

The Presidency presented the provisional results of the questionnaire contained in the meeting document, DS 1326/14, presented at the first GENVAL meeting under the Italian Presidency. Six delegations took the floor to state that there was plenty of room for further work within this area and improvement at European level; however, first the results of the Tilburg study needed to be examined.

## 9. AOB

The Presidency took the opportunity to remind delegations about the EUCPN (European Network of Crime Prevention) meetings that would take place in Rome on 2-5 December, including the EUCPN Best Practice Conference (BPC) and the European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA).

The incoming Latvian Presidency mentioned that they would most probably only have two GENVAL meetings, the first in March and the second at the end of May or beginning of June. Main topic would be the discussion of the first reports on the 7th evaluation round where the first visits (France and the Netherlands) had already taken place.

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Next GENVAL meeting will take place in March 2015, exact date to be determined.

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