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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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To: Law Enforcement Working Party (including Mixed Committee EU/Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein)
Subject: Summary of discussions

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 5132/1/14 REV 1.

2. Progress report of the Radio Communications Expert Group (RCEG) and the outcome of its meeting held on 18-19 November 2014 in Rome

The meeting took note of the progress report of the RCEG and approved its logo as set out in doc. 15616/14. The meeting also approved the RCEG Work Programme contained in doc. 15968/14. During the discussions a few delegations underlined the need to have a common position on 700MHz frequency range for public safety prior to the World Radio Conference 2015 and to work together with other relevant working parties on this issue.

3. Any other business

No points were raised under AOB.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 5132/1/14 REV 1.

2. Information by the Presidency

The Presidency briefed the meeting about the outcome of the second trilogue and the second technical meeting on the draft Europol Regulation, which took place on 18 November and 1 December 2014 respectively.

The Presidency also informed delegations that following the silence procedure, which ended on 28 November 2014, the guidelines intended to support law enforcement authorities in preventing and combating illegal gambling and betting and related crimes were deemed to be approved by the LEWP (doc. 12926/4/14 REV 4).

The Presidency furthermore informed the meeting about the LEWP-related items expected to be approved by the Council on 4-5 December 2014.

3. Proposal in relation to fighting against trafficking in human beings

The meeting took note of the presentation by the Presidency on the Handbook on trafficking in human beings - indicators for investigating police forces (doc. 14630/14). A number of delegations welcomed this document underlining the importance of combatting THB, but due to the late distribution of the document BE, BG, CZ, DE, ES, CY, MT, NL, FI, SK, SE and UK delegations entered scrutiny reservations on the proposed Handbook. A representative of the Commission pointed out the recent Commission initiatives in relation to THB. Delegations were invited to provide their written comments on the document by 19 December 2014.

4. Best practices to support law enforcement authorities in preventing and combating any criminal activities, terrorist attacks, public order violations and sabotage actions during the international transport of nuclear materials

The meeting took note of the presentation by the Presidency of the best practices to support law enforcement authorities during the international transport of nuclear materials (doc. 13626/2/14 REV 2). A few delegations pointed out the existing IAEA's guidelines in this area and made some drafting suggestions. The BE, DE, ES and FI delegations entered scrutiny reservations. Delegations were invited to provide further written comments on this document by 19 December 2014.

5. Draft Council Conclusions on the Glossary of Firearms Terminology in law enforcement cooperation

The meeting discussed the revised draft Council Conclusions on the Glossary of Firearms Terminology in law enforcement cooperation (doc. 16266/14). A few delegations underlined that further work was needed on the definitions contained in the Glossary (doc. 14983/14). Following the intervention of the UK delegation regarding the text of the draft Council Conclusions, the Chair made a drafting suggestion which was subsequently distributed to delegations in writing for further consideration.

6. Reports from LEWP-related expert groups and networks

6.1. Report on the CARPOL meetings held on 24-25 June 2014 and on 27-28 November 2014 in Rome

The meeting took note of the reports on two recent CARPOL meetings (doc. 13628/14 and 15804/14), as presented by the NL Chair of CARPOL. A few delegations underlined the need for further contacts between CARPOL and TISPOL as referred to in the latest report.

Delegations were also invited to discuss the way forward as regards the CARPOL proposal for the draft Council Resolution concerning the introduction of mandatory standardised marking of construction machinery and agricultural and forestry vehicles. The DE delegation stated that it was willing to present this proposal more thoroughly in one of the upcoming LEWP meetings.

Delegations were invited to send their written comments regarding the way forward in relation to this proposal by 19 December 2014.

6.2. TISPOL position paper on motorcycles and road policing

The meeting took note of the TISPOL position paper on motorcycles and road policing, including its recommendations (doc. 16255/14), as presented by the IT expert in TISPOL.

6.3. Report on the meeting of EFE held on 11-12 November in Rome

The meeting took note of the report on the recent EFE meeting (doc. 15815/14) as presented by the UK Chair of EFE. The FI delegation informed the LEWP that the next EFE meeting would take place in Finland and pointed out to the need for training in relation to firearms.

The LEWP was furthermore invited to approve of the basic guide for law enforcement agencies investigating illegal firearms trade on the Internet (doc. 16225/14). The CZ, DE and FR delegations entered scrutiny reservations. Delegations were invited to send their written comments on this document by 19 December 2014.

6.4. Report on the meeting of EnviCrimeNet held on 19-20 November 2014 in The Hague

The meeting took note of the report on the recent EnviCrimeNet meeting (doc. 15806/14), as presented by the NL Chair of EnviCrimeNet. The LEWP was also informed about the preliminary report on environmental crime to be submitted by the EnviCrimeNet to the upcoming COSI meeting (see doc. 16438/14).

6.5. RAILPOL-related initiatives

The meeting took note of the outcome of the questionnaire on combating copper theft (doc. 15807/1/14 REV 1) and on passengers and baggage control in the rail sector (doc. 15808/1/14 REV 1) as presented by the IT expert in RAILPOL. A representative of Europol noted that Europol supported to RAILPOL, in particular in relation to combating copper theft in line with the Operational Action Plan (OAP) on organised property crime in the framework of the EU Policy Cycle.

6.6. Report on the meeting of ENPPF held on 19 November 2014 in Brussels

The meeting took note of the report of the recent ENPPF meeting (doc. 15816/14) and the outcome of the ENPPF working group tasked to draw up a work programme for the network, held on 30 September 2014 at the Europol Headquarters in The Hague (doc. 15189/14), as presented by the IT Chair of the ENPPF.

The ENPPF Chair also presented the proposal for a handbook on the training of personnel qualifying as protection service officers (doc. DS 1534/14). Several delegations pointed out the difficulties relating to harmonising training of protection service officers and suggested to focus on sharing best practices.

6.7. Report on the meeting of CULTNET held on 13-14 November 2014 in Rome

The meeting took note of the report on the recent meeting of CULTNET (doc. 15809/14) as presented by the Presidency. One delegation questioned the need to create another list of contacts of experts as mentioned in the report (in addition to the list of contact points for preventing and combating crime against cultural goods contained in doc. 14315/1/14 REV 1).

6.8. Results of the 6th meeting of ENFAST, held on 17-19 September 2014 in Brussels

The meeting took note of the results of the recent meeting of ENFAST (doc. 15811/14), as presented by the BE Chair of ENFAST.

7. Results of recent Joint Police Operations (JPOs) and European Action Days

7.1. Final report on JPO ITACAR

The meeting approved the recommendations of the final report on JPO ITACAR on vehicle crime as set out in doc. 15810/14.

7.2. Presentation of the results of JPO TENT-IT

The meeting took note of the presentation of the preliminary results of JPO TENT-IT regarding road traffic security control on Trans-European Road Networks. Delegations were informed that the final report on this JPO would be presented at a later stage, after all the results of this operation are collected and analysed.

7.3. Final report on JPO on waste trafficking

The meeting approved the recommendations of the final report on JPO on waste trafficking as set out in doc. 15812/14. Delegations were informed that some data contained in this report would be completed at a later stage.

7.4. Final report on the European Action Day "Red Gold"

The meeting approved the recommendations of the final report on the European Action Day "Red Gold" against copper theft as set out in doc. 15813/14.

7.5. Final report on the European Action Day "Clean Stations"

The meeting approved the recommendations of the final report on the European Action Day "Clean Stations" for baggage and passenger controls at rail stations as set out in doc. 15814/14.

8. Presentation of the priorities of the incoming Latvian Presidency

The incoming LV Presidency presented its priorities in the area of law enforcement: public safety and order, the new CEPOL and Europol regulations, the fight against cybercrime, victims' support and crime prevention.

The incoming LV Presidency also informed delegations about the provisional dates of the meetings of the LEWP and its related networks and expert groups.

9. AOB

No points were raised under AOB.
