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From: General Secretariat of the Council

On: 8 December 2014

To: Friends of the Presidency Group on Cyber Issues

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. CM 5240/14. The discussions under items 4 and 5 were postponed and would be taken in an upcoming meeting under the LV Presidency.

2. Information from the Presidency, Commission and EEAS

The Presidency briefly recalled the outcome of the Cyber Defence Conference held on 30 October 2014 in Rome and encouraged delegations to look at its findings that were recently distributed.

The EEAS informed about the adoption of the Cyber Defence Policy Framework on 17 November 2014 and explained that efforts would now focus on its implementation as report on the progress was due in 6 months. The FoP would be also updated on the respective activities.

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It also briefed delegations about some recent bilateral activities (EU-Japan Cyber dialogue - 6 October 2014; EU-China Cyber Taskforce - 21 November 2014, EU-US Cyber dialogue - 5 December 2014) in which MS were participating. More details on these meetings, including on the topics discussed, could be found in the COREU specifically released for that purpose.

In this vein EEAS invited those delegations that were having similar bilateral meetings also to provide information.

COM (DG Home) briefed delegations about:

- the ongoing work in relation to the implementation of the Cyber Attacks Directive (meeting
 of the Contact group) and the transposition assessment of the Child pornography Directive;
- the launch of a call for proposals in the area of child sexual exploitation (deadline for submission 16/01/2015) which would be funded under ISF-Police;
- the recent publication of Europol's (EC3) iOCTA as well as the elaboration of the 2015 OAPs
 for crime priority "cybercrime" in the framework of the EU policy cycle;
- the hand over of the secretariat of Global alliance (already 54 members with Costa Rica) to the US following the last EU-US conference at which also the tackling of transnational sex offenders and improvement of cooperation were discussed;
- the start of the mutual evaluations on cybercrime, organised within the GENVAL (FR and NL visits were completed, UK upcoming).

COM (DG Connect) on its turn also informed about:

- the progress made on the negotiations on the draft NIS Directive which were in their final stage;
- the recently held EU-US workshop (Brussels, 24/11), NIS platform plenary meeting (25/11), EU Forum of Member States (26/11);
- the European Cyber month (October) headed by ENISA and the numerous national initiatives
 and events that took place;
- the funding that would be available for cyber capacity building in the Member States under the Connected Europe Facility within the frame of the 2015 working programme;
- its intention to organise in cooperation with DG Home and EEAS a High Level Cyber
 Security Conference on 3 March 2015 in Brussels.

Several delegation requested to receive more details in writing about these issues, preferably before the meeting (e.g. in the form of an annotated agenda) in order to facilitate their preparation.

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3. Draft Council Conclusions on Cyber diplomacy - adoption of the revised text

The new revised text of the Council Conclusion on Cyber Diplomacy (14030/4/14 REV 4) was discussed at length. Compromise solutions were found on most of the outstanding issues with the exception of the Chapter on Internet Governance. To deal with it, the Presidency decided to hold an additional cyber attaches meeting on 10 December 2014.

4. Cyber Capacity building - presentation of EU ISS report and MS national initiatives

The item was postponed.

5. Road map on the EU Cybersecurity Strategy - adoption of the revised text

The item was postponed.

6. Presentation of the IT Presidency main achievements and of the incoming LV Presidency priorities in the field of cyber

To allow the incoming Presidency to present its priorities given the time constraints, the Presidency limited its intervention to restating its objective to finalise the draft text of the Council Conclusions on Cyber Diplomacy.

The incoming LV Presidency on its turn underlined the importance of the FoP given its horizontal nature and the need to build up on the work already done. It explained that they would focus on three key words: "competitiveness", "engagement" and "digital Europe" and would make efforts to structure future meetings thematically to the extent possible. In addition it briefly presented their calendar.

7. **AOB**

No items were raised under AOB.		

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