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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 5296/14, with the inclusion of three items under item 7 (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 13 November 2014, which included the presentation and adoption of Council conclusions on the legacy of Schengen evaluation within the Council and its future role and responsibilities under the new mechanism, set out in 14374/1/14 REV 1 SCH-EVAL 116 SCHENGEN 41 SIRIS 72 JAI 882 COMIX 553.

The Working Party was also informed of the outcome of the meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council held on 4 and 5 December 2014, and in particular the outcome of the debate on foreign fighters and the presentation by the Commission of the Sixth Biannual Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the functioning of the Schengen area (1 May 2014 - 31 October 2014) (see 15783/14).

3. **SISNET equipment used for VISION**

Following a request for clarification made by FR concerning the SISNET equipment currently in use for VISION purposes, the General Secretariat of the Council (GSC) informed the Working Party that it belongs to the Member States; it was purchased and installed under the WAN-SCH+ contract concluded between Member States and the Service Provider (OBS). This contract is managed by the GSC on behalf of the Member States and the equipment will be operational until the Visa Information System (VIS) is fully implemented (under the current timetable the roll-out of VIS will be concluded in October 2015).

GSC informed FR that it has no particular obligation regarding the SISNET equipment used for VISION and that budgetary expenses for its removal would be covered by the SISNET budget.

4. **Foreign fighters**

The Presidency presented DS 1616/14, which reflected comments received from COM, CH and RO following the issuing of 14523/2/14 REV 2 SIRIS 73 COTER 75 ENFOPOL 330 COMIX 559.

The Working Party thoroughly discussed the amendments made to the draft recommendations as set out in DS 1616/14, as well as several other alterations made on the basis of the discussions held at the meeting. The Working Party agreed on the document with the modifications discussed. The agreed version, endorsed by the Working Party, would be issued as 14523/3/14 REV 3 SIRIS 73 COTER 75 ENFOPOL 330 COMIX 559.

5. **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 two meetings have taken place (21 November 2014 and 9 December 2014) between all the relevant stakeholders (PRES, COM, EEAS, GSC) to address the possibility of establishing a Coordination Mechanism in line with the Council Conclusions set out in 17112/13.

This issue will be discussed further under the incoming Latvian Presidency. Any developments will be transmitted to the Working Party.

6. Information from the upcoming Latvian Presidency

LV presented its team, programme and priorities, and gave indicative dates for the next meetings (see DS 1635/14).

7. Any other business

- eu-LISA informed the Working Party of the results of the tests performed by Europol, Italy and Poland. It stated that Europol conducted several test campaigns between September 2013 and October 2014 in order to connect to SIS. The test campaigns were completed with positive results. Europol successfully connected to SIS II and performed its first successful query on 10 December 2014. Italy executed various test campaigns between January and April 2014, in order to verify the compatibility between its renewed N.SIS and CS-SIS. The Polish N-SIS went live on 19 November 2014, after successfully passing the tests.
- GSC informed the Working Party that the SIS II Supervision Coordination Group, which replaced the Schengen Joint Supervisory Authority (JSA) after the entry into force of SIS II on 9 April 2013, had produced a report on the rights of data subjects and an access guide adopted by the SIS II Supervision Coordination Group - EDPS. These documents have been distributed to the Working Party in 16807/14 SIRIS 82 COMIX 668.
- The Commission asked the Presidency to provide clarification concerning the accession of the UK to the SIS II, specifically whether the Decision allowing the upload of data would be presented in January and if it was envisaged that it would be adopted by March 2015. The Presidency reported that since no Schengen Matters Working Party (Schengen Evaluation) meeting had been scheduled for December 2014, the issue of the UK's accession to SIS II would not be dealt with by the end of the Italian presidency.

LV informed the Working Party that UK accession to SIS II would be included in the agenda of the Schengen Evaluation Working Party meeting scheduled for 19 January 2015.

UK stated that it would push for the adoption of a decision by 30 March 2015 in order to be able to use the system as soon as possible.

8. 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
4	14523/3/14 REV 3 SIRIS 73
