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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 10 December 2014
To: Delegations of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda set out in doc. CM 5284/14 with the addition of the following AOB items:

- French Presidency of the Pompidou group
- Lisbon Addictions 2015 conference
- Side events at the 58th CND session

2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on new psychoactive substances

The Presidency gave an overview of three possible scenarios as regards conducting a joint report and a risk assessment report on new psychoactive substances and the delegations discussed these scenarios with a number of delegations stressing the need for a quick procedure. As regards the criteria for launching the risk evaluation process, delegations considered that focusing on serious health events related with a specific NPS was a more important factor than the number of Member States notifying the substance.

3. Summary on progress achieved in developing minimum quality standards in drug demand reduction

The Presidency presented the progress achieved in developing minimum quality standards in drug demand reduction contained in doc. DS 1575/14, stressing that these standards were minimum standards, and presented the proposed way forward. The representative of the EMCDDA noted that once the standards were agreed, it would be important to present them to third countries. The incoming Latvian Presidency informed the meeting that they will continue work started by the IT Presidency and invited delegations to provide written comments on the proposed standards by 22 December 2014.

4. Commission proposal for Council decisions on new psychoactive substances 4-methyl-5-(4-methylphenyl)-4, 5-dihydrooxazol-2-amine (4,4'-dimethylaminorex, 4,4'-DMAR) and 1-cyclohexyl-4-(1,2-diphenylethyl)piperazine (MT-45)

The representative of the Commission explained the reasons for suggesting to subject the above-mentioned new psychoactive substances to control measures (doc. 16240/14 CORDROGUE 94). The CLS proposed a number of amendments to the draft Decision, and the Commission expressed its opposition to some of these amendments. The Presidency invited delegations to provide written comments on the draft Decision and to communicate their position as regards the inclusion of the amendments proposed by the CLS by 22 December 2014.

5. Preparation for the "Special Segment on UNGASS Preparation" to be held during the 58th CND session: discussion on key messages and recommendations

The representative of the Commission reported on the Special segment on the preparations for the UNGA Special Session on the World Drug Problem held in Vienna on 3 December 2014, also noting that the Austrian and Thai proposal for the establishment of the Board Tasked by the Commission for UNGASS preparation was approved.

The chairmen of the informal UNGASS working groups presented the outcomes of their work, contained in doc. DS 1483/14, and the Presidency outlined the suggested way forward to prepare the EU statement for the March Special segment on the preparations for the UNGA Special Session on the World Drug Problem to be held in Vienna on 9-12 March 2015. In particular, the EU statement would be complemented by one written annex with recommendations and another annex with evidence-base and best practices to support these recommendations.

6. Preparation for the ordinary 58th CND session: discussion on the EU resolutions

The EL delegation presented a proposal for a CND Resolution on proportionality of sentencing for drug-related offences (doc. DS 1577/14), and the IT delegation presented a proposal for a CND Resolution on promoting interventions on protection of young people and children with particular reference to the sale of illicit drugs and new psychoactive substances over the Internet (doc. DS 1576/14). The FI delegation presented the revised proposal for a CND Resolution on promoting the role of drug analysis laboratories worldwide and reaffirming the importance of the quality of the analysis and results of such laboratories (doc. DS 1484/14). Delegations examined these proposals and were requested to provide comments by 22 December 2014.

7. Preparation for the EU-CELAC Technical Committee meeting (11 December 2014) and XVII High Level meeting of the EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs

The Presidency informed delegates about the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 11-12 February 2015 in Montevideo, Uruguay and presented the agenda of the forthcoming EU-CELAC Technical Committee meeting to be held on 11 December 2014 (doc. CM 5179/14) in preparation of the High Level meeting.

8. Report on the EU-US expert meeting on drugs

The Presidency gave an overview of the above-mentioned meeting held on 5 November 2014, the outcome of which is summarised in doc. 16242/14 CORDROGUE 96 USA 34.

9. Report on the Dublin Group meeting

The FR delegation gave an overview of the above-mentioned meeting held on 6 November 2014, the outcome of which is summarised in doc. 16244/14 CORDROGUE 97, and encouraged delegations to provide their comments on the update of the Dublin Group guidelines.

10. Preliminary outcomes of ERANID project

The representative of the ERANID presented the ERANID network aiming to improve cooperation in drug research and to enable organisations to take well founded policy decisions in this field. The speaker also informed the meeting about ERANID's plan to launch its first Joint Transnational Call for proposals in 2015 and elaborated on the topics and development of the Strategic Research Agenda for Europe in the field of illicit drugs.

11. Information by the Presidency on the document presented to COSI as regards the Agreement on Illicit Traffic by Sea, implementing Article 17 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

The Presidency presented the above-mentioned document, stressing the importance of efficiently tackling the international drug trafficking by sea and outlining the main difficulties in this area.

12. Presentation of the priorities of the incoming LV Presidency

The incoming Latvian Presidency outlined the main issues in the field of drugs to be addressed during their Presidency, including negotiations on the Regulation on New psychoactive substances, preparation for the 58th CND session and UNGASS 2016, development of minimum quality standards in drug demand reduction and tackling the misuse of and dependence on prescribed medicines, and informed the delegations about the calendar of the meetings.

13. AOB:

- *G7 and Expert Meeting on New Psychoactive Substances*

The UK delegation shared the information about the above-mentioned meeting.

- *Information about the joint session with civil society*

The representative of the Commission gave an overview of the above-mentioned meeting with civil society held on 9 December 2014.

- *French Presidency of the Pompidou group*

The FR delegation gave an overview of the achievements of the French Presidency of the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe, held from 2011 to 2014, noting that the group took position on a number of important issues and that some new countries joined the group during their Presidency term.

– *Lisbon Addictions 2015 conference*

The PT delegation informed the meeting about the above-mentioned conference to be held on 23-25 September 2015 in Lisbon, more information on which is available on

<http://www.lisbonaddictions.eu>

– *Side events at the 58th CND session*

Delegations shared the information about the side events to be held at the 58th CND session.
