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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 18 and 19 February 2015
To: Law Enforcement Working Party
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 1431/1/15 REV 1.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency informed the meeting about recent Presidency events of relevance to law enforcement cooperation that were held in Riga, Latvia, as well as about ongoing trilogues on the draft Europol Regulation. Delegations were also informed that following the written approval of the Europol Work Programme 2015 by the LEWP, it was endorsed by the Council on 10 February 2015 (doc. 5575/15).

3. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Union Agency for law enforcement training (Cepol), repealing and replacing the Council Decision 2005/681/JHA

The LEWP examined the draft CEPOL Regulation as revised by the Presidency on the basis of the outcome of discussions of the LEWP on 20 January 2015 (doc. 5728/15). Mostly the provisions in relation to the setting up of the Scientific Committee and the procedure for the appointment of the Executive Director of the agency were discussed.

The meeting was informed that based on the delegations' comments and drafting suggestions a new revised version would be prepared. It would be presented to the JHA Counsellors' meeting for examination prior to being submitted to Coreper with a view to reaching general approach on this text.

4. CEPOL Work Programme 2015

The Deputy Director of CEPOL presented the CEPOL Work Programme 2015 (doc. 6201/15). Delegations were informed that almost one third of CEPOL activities in 2015 will be focused to support the Policy Cycle priorities. In total 77 residential activities and 668 webinars are planned.

The LEWP agreed to submit this Work Programme to Coreper and Council for adoption, noting the UK scrutiny reservation on the document.

5. Handbook on trafficking in human beings - indicators for investigating police forces

The IT expert presented in detail the draft Handbook on trafficking in human beings – indicators for investigating police forces, as revised by the IT delegation taking into account the Member States' comments at the LEWP meeting on 3 December 2014 and their subsequent written suggestions (doc. 14630/1/14 REV 1).

Delegations were informed that Member States' further written comments as well as drafting suggestions provided during the meeting would be incorporated in the second revised version of the Handbook, which would then be submitted for approval by the LEWP under the written procedure.

6. Final report on the JPO TENT-IT

The IT expert presented the results of the Joint Police Operation (JPO) TENT-IT on road traffic security controls on European and trans-European road networks, organised under the Italian Presidency in November 2014.

The LEWP approved the recommendations contained in the final report of this JPO (doc. 5667/15).

7. Discussion on the draft Council Conclusions concerning the introduction of mandatory standardised marking of construction machinery and agricultural and forestry vehicles, as proposed by CARPOL

The DE expert presented in detail the state of play in relation to the vehicle identification numbers (VIN) on construction machinery, agricultural and forestry vehicles and in their registration documents. The meeting was informed about the difficulties for law enforcement authorities to identify and recover stolen machinery due to the lack of standardised marking and standardised registration documents.

The LEWP examined the draft Council Conclusions concerning the introduction of mandatory standardised marking of construction machinery and agricultural and forestry vehicles in order to better protect them against theft, as set out in doc. 5729/15. The NL and UK delegations as well as the Commission entered scrutiny reservations on the document and some pointed out the need to carry out a full impact assessment prior to considering introducing new legislation in this area.

Delegations were invited to submit their written comments on the draft Council Conclusions by 10 March 2015, on the basis of which a revised version of the document would be prepared by the Presidency.

8. AOB

No points were raised under AOB.
