



Council of the  
European Union

Brussels, 25 February 2015  
(OR. en)

6503/15

CORDROGUE 13  
SAN 50

## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

---

From: General Secretariat of the Council  
On: 3 and 4 February 2015  
To: Delegations of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs  
Subject: Summary of discussions

---

### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda outlined in doc. CM 1261/15 with the addition of the following AOB points:

- Conference on the Influence of Illicit Drugs on Global Security and Sustainable Development;
- Creation of international antidrug academy;
- Publication of the vacancy for the post of the EMCDDA Director;
- Conference on medical use of cannabis.

## 2. Preparation for the "Special Segment on UNGASS Preparation" to be held during the 58th CND session

The Chair of the Board Tasked by the Commission for UNGASS preparation gave an overview of the preparation process so far and elaborated on the provisional agenda of the special session for UNGASS preparation to be conducted at the 58th CND session and the establishment of a Board tasked by the CND with UNGASS. The Chair of the Board confirmed that the topics of high level thematic debates would allow for discussions on different issues, also including those which were not included in the Joint Ministerial Statement and explained that the UNGASS 2016 outcome could be a set of pre-negotiated recommendations with the Chair's summary of the discussion.

The Chair of the Board called on the EU to actively share the good practices and experiences in drugs policy with third countries and stressed the necessity to take into account different realities in different regions of the world.

The EEAS representative reported on the outcomes of the last intersessional meeting in Vienna held on 29 January 2015. Delegations also discussed the drafting of the EU statements for the meetings held in preparation for UNGASS 2016 and sharing of tasks in this respect. Delegations further examined the draft EU Statement on the occasion of the Special segment on the preparations for the UNGASS on the World Drug Problem to be held in Vienna on 9-12 March 2015 (doc. DS 1062/15). Taking into account delegations' comments a revised version of the statement was prepared and further discussed at the meeting.

### **3. Preparation for the ordinary 58th CND session**

Delegations further examined the EL proposal for a CND resolution on the proportionality of sentences regarding drug related offences contained in doc. DS 1577/2/14 REV 2. Delegations stressed the importance of the topic of the resolution, and the meeting agreed to continue working on this draft resolution with a view to tabling it on behalf of the EU at the 59th CND session. The Presidency informed the meeting that the IT 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 and the FI 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 were tabled on behalf of the EU.

The meeting exchanged views on the proposals made by WHO, United Kingdom and China to schedule of a number of new substances at the 58th CND session. Some delegations expressed their concerns about the proposals to schedule GLB and ketamine, due to their intensive use in industry and medicine, noting that there were alternative ways to handle these substances. The Presidency informed the delegations that this issue would be addressed in more detail during the forthcoming HDG meeting. Delegations also exchanged information about the side events organised at the 58th CND session.

### **4. Developments in CADAP VI programme**

The representative of the EEAS updated the meeting on the EU-Central Asia cooperation and the planned adoption of the Council Conclusions on the EU-Central Asia strategy, noting that the priorities of the Strategy were still relevant and work had to continue. The representative of the Commission presented the state of play as regards the launch of the new phase of the CADAP VI programme and indicated that the implementation of the programme could start in the forthcoming months.

The Coordinator for CADAP gave an overview of the drug situation in Central Asia and trafficking routes, also explaining the existing gaps such as limited access of injecting drug users to treatment of drug addiction or prevention of drug addiction and a very limited access to opiate substitution treatment. He elaborated on the future challenges to be addressed including the establishment of evidence and community based methods of prevention and improvement of access to treatment. The speaker presented the objectives of different CADAP VI components.

## **5. Preparation for the XVII High Level meeting of the EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs**

The Presidency presented the updated agenda of the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 11-12 February 2015 in Montevideo (doc. DS 1063/15) as well as the revised Montevideo declaration (doc. DS 1633/2/15 REV 2), which the delegations examined further noting, among other issues, the necessity to explicitly state the central role of the CND in preparation for UNGASS 2016 and the concept of risk and harm reduction.

## **6. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on new psychoactive substances**

The Presidency reported on the mini-hearing on new psychoactive substances held on 21 January 2015 in the margins of the LIBE committee meeting and gave an overview of the Presidency paper outlining the possibilities to develop a mechanism to tackle new psychoactive substances based on Article 83 TFEU combined with Article 74 TFEU. The Council and Commission legal services presented their positions as regards the legal aspects of this alternative. The Presidency informed the meeting that as the next step a Presidency paper would be issued summarising the main elements of the proposed mechanism to tackle new psychoactive substances.

## **7. Minimum quality standards in drug demand reduction - discussion on the proposed list of standards**

The Presidency recalled the reasons for developing the above-mentioned standards and gave an overview of the progress achieved so far. The Presidency explained that the text of the Council Conclusions would name the standards, however, the more detailed explanation of the standards would be provided in revised doc. DS 1575/1/14 REV 1, which would serve as a technical document to support the Council Conclusions. The Presidency informed the meeting that the discussion on the Council Conclusions should start at the HDG meeting on 28-29 April 2015. Also, the Presidency reminded that Council Conclusions were a politically binding instrument.

The delegations further examined doc. DS 1575/1/14 REV 1, and the Presidency requested to send written comments on the proposed standards by 13 February 2015. The representative of the EMCDDA informed the meeting that they were checking to what extent the existing data collection tools could be used to collect the information on the implementation of foreseen minimum quality standards.

## **8. AOB**

### *–Conference on the Influence of Illicit Drugs on Global Security and Sustainable Development*

Delegations shared information concerning the Second Ministerial Anti-Drug Conference on the above-mentioned subject to be held in Moscow on 23 April 2015.

### *–Creation of international antidrug academy*

Delegations shared information about the above-mentioned initiative.

*–Publication of the vacancy for the post of the EMCDDA Director*

The representative of the Commission informed the meeting that the above-mentioned vacancy was published and asked to spread this information in the Member States.

*–Conference on medical use of cannabis*

The CZ delegation recalled the meeting that the above-mentioned conference will be held on 4-7 March 2015 in Prague and the deadline for registration was set at 15 February 2015.

---