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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	23 February 2015
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 1520/1/15 REV 1 with the addition of one information point by the UK delegation under AOB.

2. Information from the Presidency, the Commission and the EEAS

The Presidency briefed about the recent work of EU bodies and upcoming events of relevance to the Friends of the Presidency Group on Cyber Issues (FoP), listed in doc. DS 1109/15, underlining in particular the adoption of the Council conclusions on Cyber Diplomacy (doc. 6122/15 + COR 1).

DG Connect debriefed delegations on the EU-India ICT dialogue and on the latest ICANN meeting held in February.

DG Home announced that the Internal Security Agenda was expected to be published in May and it would include a strong cyber element.

The European Cyber Crime Centre (EC3) informed that J-CAT's mandate would be extended.

The EEAS informed about the upcoming EU-Korea and EU-India cyber dialogues which would be held on 30 April 2015 and 31 May 2015 respectively, and about the NEEDS capacity-building conference which would be held on 23-24 February 2015 in Brussels and was expected to aid the discovery of cyber security capacity-building models going beyond the existing ones focusing on cybercrime.

3.   The Hague Global Conference on Cyberspace 2015: draft lines to take

The Dutch Government's special envoy for the Global Conference on Cyberspace in The Hague provided a general introduction on the conference, underlining the high number of the participants expected (more than 1000, including more than 20 Ministers of Foreign Affairs) and announcing the launch of the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise which would contribute to enhancing trust on the internet.

The Presidency presented the draft Lines to Take (LTT) as set out in doc. 6181/15 which were based on recently adopted Council conclusions on cyber diplomacy and were meant to ensure basic consistency of the messages delivered by the EU side to the stakeholders at the Conference.

Five delegations took the floor, in addition to COM and the EEAS, and expressed general support for the draft LTT, whilst underlining the need to avoid lengthy drafting. One delegation questioned the purpose of the paper, stating that it could only support the capacity-building references, but not the rest. The Presidency asked delegations for written comments by 27 February 2015, after which an updated version of the paper would be issued for discussion at the cyber attachés meeting on 9 March 2015 and, if agreed, sent on to COREPER/Council for endorsement.

4. EU's cyber security: state of play and way forward - a strategic discussion

COM, the EEAS, EC3, ENISA and CERT-EU provided their views on current and emerging cyber threats.

The discussion that followed was based on these presentations as well as on the paper presented by the Presidency (DS 1110/15). Four delegations took the floor and stated that it was too early for a new cyber security strategy, but pointed out the usefulness of the Road Map on Cybersecurity Strategy development, which would, however, need to be continuously updated in order to address newly emerging cyber issues.

On the FoP role, many delegations stressed that the focus should be on strategic discussions, prioritisation and avoidance of overlapping. The proposals presented by delegations included sector-by-sector discussions; sharing of information, without duplicating efforts, the Internet dimension of terrorism developments and exploring the cyber dimension links between the two upcoming security strategies (internal in May and external after the summer).

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

The GSC and COM CISO briefed on their respective institutions' network defence capabilities.

On the road map (doc. 6183/15), one delegation regretted the fact that some of its comments had not been incorporated in the roadmap. The Presidency would consider the elaboration of a revised version for the cyber attachés meeting on 9 March 2015.

The proposal on preparing a calendar of EU and international cyber exercises by ENISA had not given rise to any objections and ENISA had expressed its willingness to do the task once it had received the approval of the FoP. It would suggest a way of gathering and disseminating such data in an upcoming meeting.

6. AOB

The UK debriefed delegations on its cyber dialogue with India.