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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
On: 22 May 2015
To: Delegations
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda outlined in doc. CM 2619/15 with the addition of the following AOB points:

- Conference on minimum quality standards in drug demand reduction
- Call for proposals for COPOLAD II programme
- Preparation of the first progress report on the implementation of the Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+)
- Reminder about the review of the Action Plan on Drugs 2013-2016

2. Information concerning the proceedings of other EU bodies

The Presidency informed the meeting about the revised report issued by the Customs Cooperation Working Party on improving capacities of law enforcement agencies in the fight against new psychoactive substances, contained in doc. 16073/2/14 REV 2 JAI 951 ENFOCUSTOM 152 CORDROGUE 99 and encouraged HDG delegates to coordinate their feedback with CCWP colleagues.

3. Discussion on the draft Council conclusions on the implementation of the EU Action Plan on Drugs 2013-2016 regarding minimum quality standards in drug demand reduction in EU

Delegations further examined the above-mentioned Council conclusions contained in doc. DS 1222/15 and the Presidency invited the delegations to provide any written comments by 27 May 2015.

4. Report on the results of the EU Action Plan 2013 – 2016 progress questionnaire on the misuse of and dependence from prescribed medicines

The Presidency gave an overview of the results of the above-mentioned questionnaire, based on which a Presidency paper will be prepared for the next HDG meeting. The speaker explained that the results of the questionnaire demonstrated the importance of this issue and that despite the actions taken to address the misuse of and dependence on prescribed medicines in different Member States, further clarity was needed on a number of issues. Also, as the results of the questionnaire indicated, delegations agreed on the need of common indicators to collect data on the situation. Suggestions were also made to exchange best practices of Member States in this field. The representative of the EMCDDA noted that there was a sharp decline in requests for treatment for heroin, but a sharp increase in requests for treatment for other opioids.

5. Interim Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment (SOCTA) for 2015

The representative of Europol gave an overview of the latest trends in drug production and trafficking, explaining that the market for illicit drugs remained the biggest and most dynamic among the criminal markets, that the trafficking routes were continuously diversifying and that poly-drug trafficking was now a common modus operandi. He also noted that increasingly the production of NPS, including tableting, packaging and labelling, was taking place in the EU.

6. Preparation for UNGASS 2016

The Presidency reported on the outcomes of the High Level UN General Assembly Thematic Debate in support of the process towards UNGASS held on 7 May 2015 in New York, noting that there were calls for more public health approach in drug policies and the need to revise the criminal justice system as regards drug-related crimes.

The delegations also discussed the report on “Enhancing public health approach, based on evidence-based interventions and best practices: prevention; treatment; risk and harm reduction, recovery, social reintegration and rehabilitation“ (doc. DS 1221/15) and the authors of the report proposed to use this report as a technical document. Delegations were requested to provide written comments on this report by 9 June 2015.

7. Preparation for:

– *EU-Central Asian experts meeting on drugs*

The Presidency reported on the preparation for the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 17 June 2015, the draft agenda of which is contained in doc. DS 1093/15.

– *EU-Western Balkans experts meeting on drugs*

The incoming Luxembourg Presidency informed the meeting on the preparation for the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 4 September 2015, the draft agenda of which is contained in doc. DS 1303/15, and asked the delegations to provide their written comments on the proposed agenda by 26 May 2015.

8. Outcomes of:

– *EU-Eastern Partnership experts meeting on drugs*

The Presidency reported on the above-mentioned meeting held on 29 April 2015 (doc. 9105/15 CORDROGUE 35 COEST 148)

– *Dublin Group meeting*

The FR delegation reported on the Dublin Group meeting held on 30 April 2015, noting that delegations were called on to establish a few additional Mini-Dublin Groups so as to cover all important regions.

– *EU-US experts meeting on drugs*

The Presidency reported on the above-mentioned meeting held on 21 May 2015.

9. AOB

– Conference on minimum quality standards in drug demand reduction

The PL delegation informed the meeting about the annual international conference on minimum quality standards in drug demand reduction to be organised on 10-11 June and invited delegates to participate.

– Call for proposals for COPOLAD II programme

The ES delegation invited delegations interested in joining the call for proposals for COPOLAD II programme to contact them.

– Preparation of the first progress report on the implementation of the Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+)

The representative of the Commission informed the delegations about the preparation of the above-mentioned report to be presented to the Council and the European Parliament by the end of 2015.

– Reminder about the review of the Action Plan on Drugs 2013-2016

The representative of the Commission recalled that delegations had to send their replies to the questionnaire on the implementation of the above-mentioned action plan by 15 June 2015 at the latest.
