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From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 25 June 2015
To: Law Enforcement Working Party
Subject: Summary of discussions

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in CM 2940/1/15 REV 1.

2. Council Implementing Decision 2015/.../EU of ... fixing the date of effect of Decision 2008/633/JHA concerning access for consultation of the Visa Information System (VIS) by designated authorities of Member States and by Europol for the purposes of the prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences and of other serious criminal offences

9599/15 ENFOPOL 133 COMIX 263

The LEWP agreed to the draft Council Implementing Decision as set out in 9599/15, following the presentation by the Presidency and the Council Legal Service of the background and the content of the Decision. Following the agreement by the LEWP, the written procedure concerning the consultation of the European Parliament on this Decision will be launched.

3. AOB

No points were raised under AOB.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in CM 2940/1/15 REV 1 with the addition of an information point by NL under AOB.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency briefed delegations about the meeting of ENLETS contact points held on 2 June 2015 at the Europol Headquarters in the Hague as well as about the recent developments in relation to the draft Europol and CEPOL Regulations. It was also noted that the 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 (9223/15, 9665/15) have been approved by the Council on 15-16 June 2015.

3. Reports from LEWP-related expert groups and networks:

3.1. Report from the ENPPF meeting held on 25 June 2015

Delegations took note of a brief presentation by the Chair of the ENPPF on the main outcome of the ENPPF meeting held the same morning, namely the agreement on the ENPPF Work Programme. A detailed report on the results of the meeting would be presented to the LEWP at a later stage¹.

3.2. Outcome of the EMPEN (European medical and psychological experts' network for law enforcement) course, organised with the support of CEPOL, held in Jurmala (Latvia) on 9-12 June 2015

9717/15 ENFOPOL 136

The LEWP took note of the outcome of the EMPEN meeting, presented by the Presidency as set out in 9717/15, in particular of the request by EMPEN addressed to CEPOL to look at possibilities to continue financing EMPEN meetings. One delegation suggested to consider applying for funding of the activities of the network under EU Research and Innovation programme Horizon 2020. Another delegation suggested that EMPEN follow-up on the Best practice guidelines to support police officers dealing with minors who are victims of violence (12930/14).

¹ See 10367/15.

3.3. Results of the European Firearms Experts (EFE) meeting, held on 14-15 April 2015 in Helsinki (Finland)

9718/15 ENFOPOL 137 COSI 65 MAR 72

The LEWP took note of the results of the recent EFE meeting and of the report and expert recommendations of the EFE Working Group "Assignment of commercial security staff - Piracy against vessels", presented by the Chair of EFE as set out in 9718/15, and invited the Commission to take note of the recommendations contained in the latter report.

Upon a proposal by one delegation, the LEWP agreed to invite EFE to set up an informal expert group to continue working on the updated Glossary of Firearms Terminology (10048/15) in order to finalise it prior to the next EFE meeting scheduled to take place on 13-14 October 2015.

4. Ongoing studies in relation to illicit trafficking in firearms: EFFECT Project and FIRE Project

Delegations took note of presentations by representatives of Commission's consultants Arquebus Solutions and Transcrime Institute on the ongoing EFFECT and FIRE projects, aimed at understanding how crime guns move across borders, identifying best practice in ballistics information sharing as well as increasing knowledge on routes, actors, exchange markets and products of illicit trafficking in firearms. The representative of the Commission invited Member States to contribute to both projects and informed delegations that final results were expected to be available in February 2016 and November 2016 respectively. During the discussion, a suggestion was made that the final results also be presented to the LEWP, and further steps for combatting illegal firearms were suggested.

5. Europol-related matters:

5.1. Europol's cooperation agreements

A representative of Europol presented the proposed Europol's cooperation agreements with Bosnia and Hercegovina (9384/15) and with the United Arab Emirates (9394/15). The Council Legal Service explained the procedure for approving these agreements by adopting Council Implementing Decisions (9735/15 and 9736/15 respectively). Delegations were invited to send any written comments on these documents by 3 July 2015.

5.2. Dissolution of the Europol Pension Fund

9359/15 ENFOPOL 117 FIN 426

A representative of Europol presented the background for the proposed Council Decision on the dissolution of the Europol Pension Fund. Delegations were invited to send any written comments on the proposed Decision by 10 July 2015.

6. CEPOL's cooperation agreements

A representative of CEPOL presented the background information on the preparation of two CEPOL's cooperation agreements with the Kosovo Academy for Public Safety (KAPS) as set out in 9552/15 and with the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia as set out in 9554/15, underlining that concluding such agreements aimed at contributing to the general EU policy towards the region. The Council Legal Service explained the draft Council Implementing Decisions accompanying the cooperation agreements (10313/15 and 10318/15 respectively), which were adapted to the framework of the Lisbon Treaty. The ES delegation entered a scrutiny reservation in relation to the CEPOL's agreement with KAPS, while 4 other delegations had drafting suggestions on this agreement. The Chair invited delegations to send their written comments on these documents by 15 July 2015.

7. Presentation on the ISEC project “Simplification of less serious crime investigation aimed to balance public danger, harm caused by crime and consumption of resources for investigation” HOME/2012/ISEC/FP/C2/4000003986

The meeting took note of the presentation by the Project Manager from the State Police of Latvia of the aforementioned ISEC project. The guidelines developed under this project on simplification of less serious crime investigation as well as a model of optimally simplified and effective pre-trial criminal proceedings were presented in detail and distributed in the meeting room.

8. Questionnaire on the European Forensic Science Area 2020

CM 3080/15

Delegations took note of the presentation by the NL delegation of the questionnaire on the European Forensic Science Area 2020 set out in CM 3080/15, and were invited to provide replies to this questionnaire by 15 September 2015. The aim was to analyse how far the objectives of the Council Conclusions on the vision for European Forensic Science 2020, approved in 2011 under the Polish Presidency, have been achieved. The analysis of the replies would be presented to LEWP by the end of the year and suggestions for the way forward would be developed under the NL Presidency.

Some delegations suggested to look at the training initiatives undertaken by CEPOL in the field of forensics, and the representative of the Commission referred to the financial support to the forensics-related initiatives.

9. Presentation of the priorities of the incoming Luxembourg Presidency

Delegations took note of the presentation by the incoming LU Chair of the LEWP on the priorities of the incoming Luxembourg Presidency in the area of Justice and Home Affairs, and in particular on the priorities for the LEWP, such as contributing to the implementation of the renewed Internal Security Strategy, effectiveness and efficiency of the LEWP-related expert groups and networks, developing police and customs cooperation and ensuring a follow-up to the European Police Chiefs Convention.

10. AOB

The NL delegation reminded delegations about its request to provide the contact details of relevant services in relation to the ongoing study on financial investigations, as set out in CM 1721/15.