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From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 29 June 2015
To: Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security
Subject: Summary of discussions

MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda set out in 10320/15 was adopted. The Presidency expressed its condolences to all those affected, and in particular to the relatives of the killed and injured at the terrorist attacks in France and Tunisia on 26 June 2015.

2. EU Policy Cycle:

a) Closing report Operation Action Plan (OAP) "Illegal Immigration" 2014

The Committee took note of the closing report of the OAP "Illegal Immigration" 2014 as set out in 9953/15 (EU RESTRICTED).

b) Monitoring of the Operational Action Plan "Illegal Immigration"

The Committee took note of the 6-month progress report of the OAP "Illegal Immigration" for the first half of 2015 as set out in 9860/15 (EU RESTRICTED) with the addition of a small amendment at the request of the Romanian delegation.

3. Any Other Business

No items were raised.

COSI

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda set out in 10320/15 was adopted.

2. Information from the Presidency:

– Follow-up to the JHA Council of 15 and 16 June 2015

The Presidency informed the Committee that the Justice and Home Affairs Council had approved the conclusions on the renewed EU Internal Security Strategy 2015-2020 on 16 June 2015. The Council also debated the fight against terrorism based on reports from the Presidency and the CTC and with input by the Commission and the EEAS.

3. EU Policy Cycle:

a) Closing reports OAPs 2014

The Committee took note of the closing reports 2014 set out in 9956/15 (EU RESTRICTED) + COR 1 and of the progress reports for the first half of 2015 of the OAPs THB, Counterfeit goods, Excise fraud, MTIC fraud, Synthetic Drugs, Cocaine, Heroin, Card Fraud, Child Sexual Exploitation, Cyber attacks, Firearms and Organised Property Crime as set out in 9853/15 ADD 1 (EU RESTRICTED).

The Committee also exchanged views on the findings contained in the Europol Director report (9853/15) and the report of the National EMPACT coordinators meeting (10107/15), which was held at Europol on 28-29 May 2015.

Various delegations pointed out that the reporting, notably the Europol's Director report, should focus more on the operational content and analyse the operational results. The current report was considered too much process oriented. Drafting an overview of both positive developments and possible shortcomings for the various OAPs, similar to DS 1339/15 and 1321/15 (EU RESTRICTED) was welcomed and it was suggested adding this to the future reporting.

The Committee was informed that the Europol Director's report would be revised to accommodate a Polish comment and to include references to the Council conclusions on the renewed ISS 2015-2020.

Europol also presented some preliminary results of operation "Blue Amber", which was launched on 4 May 2015. More than 500 suspects were arrested during a series of international actions that took place in 260 locations. The results from the operational actions also include the seizure of 2.8 tonnes of cocaine and nearly 1.300 tonnes of stolen metal and the confiscation of 390 vehicles. A global action against online fraudsters in the airline sector took place on 16-17 June 2015.

b) Discussion based on the Presidency document on the EU Policy Cycle

The outcome of the discussions on this item is set out in 10476/15.

c) Independent evaluation mechanism: information on the state of play by the Commission

The Commission presented its preliminary ideas on the development of an independent evaluation mechanism in accordance with action 42 of the Policy Cycle (15358/10). The Commission considered that the evaluation should focus on a number of issues: (1) the definition, the process of the Policy Cycle, (2) the role of Member States - Agencies and Institutions, (3) information sharing - analysis and (4) funding. The Commission was still reflecting on the competent body/organisation to carry out the evaluation and was willing to discuss this further with the Member States.

Some Member States stated that the scope and subject of the evaluation should first be clarified before a decision could be made on the evaluator and underlined the role of COSI in this regard.

The Commission was invited to send its preliminary ideas in writing.

4. Euro 2016: presentation by the French delegation

The French delegation informed the Committee about the European Football Championship EURO 2016, which would take place in France between 10 June and 10 July 2016 (9721/15). France referred to the exceptional nature of this event and commented on the measures taken at national, European and international level to cover the various types of risks and threats. In this context, France called on the support of the relevant authorities in Member States and EU Agencies such as Europol, Frontex, CEPOL as well as Interpol.

5. Presentation of the work programme of the incoming LU Presidency

The Luxembourg delegation briefly informed the meeting about the main priorities for its incoming Presidency, namely the fight against terrorism and the implementation of the renewed Internal Security Strategy. An implementation paper on the renewed ISS would be presented to the informal COSI - CATS meeting in Luxembourg on 22 - 23 July 2015. Other topics for COSI would be the ongoing implementation of the EU Policy Cycle, the independent evaluation mechanism, the link between organised crime and terrorism, firearms, EPRIS, the future role of COSI and the follow-up to the reinforced application of the Schengen framework. The following meeting dates were provisionally scheduled: 22-23/7 (informal COSI - CATS), 29/9, 21-22/10 (22/10 with SCIFA), 24/11 and 16/12.

6. Any Other Business

- **Report from the Conference on "Severe labour exploitation in the EU", held on 2 June 2015: presentation by the Presidency**

The Committee took note of the outcome of the Conference on "Severe labour exploitation in the EU", which was held on 2 June 2015. The event was jointly organised by the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), the Presidency and the Council General Secretariat. The FRA representative referred to the next steps such as the release of the national reports and the bilateral engagement that FRA is carrying out with some Member States. Future research plans in this area were also mentioned.

– **JHA Senior Officials meeting EU-OIPC Interpol on 8 June 2015**

The Presidency informed the meeting about the outcome of the JHA Senior Officials meeting with Interpol, which took place on 8 June 2015 (10309/15).

– **Interpol's 43rd European Regional Conference, 19-21 May 2015, Bucharest:
information by Romanian delegation**

The Romanian delegation informed the Committee about the main topics which were discussed at the 43rd European Regional Conference of the International Organisation of Criminal Police OIPC-INTERPOL, which was held in Bucharest between 19-21 May 2015 (10298/15).
