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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
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To: Law Enforcement Working Party  
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### MIXED COMMITTEE

#### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in CM 4647/15, with the addition of one information point by ENLETS under AOB.

#### 2. Progress report of the Radio Communications Expert Group (RCEG) and the outcome of its meeting held on 28-29 October 2015 in Luxembourg

Following the presentation by the Chair of the RCEG, the Law Enforcement Working Party (LEWP) took note of the progress report and of the outcome of the RCEG meeting held last month in Luxembourg as set out in 14092/15 ENFOPOL 343 COMIX 585. The Chair of the RCEG called upon Member States and associated countries which had not yet sent contact details of their representatives to do so in order to build a complete list of contact points for the RCEG's next meeting.

#### 3. AOB

The ENLETS Chair reminded delegates about the invitation that had already been sent to the two remaining Member States and the associated countries, asking them to appoint national contact points to the network.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY

### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in CM 4647/15. The discussion on item 6 was postponed to the next LEWP meeting in December.

### 2. Information from the Presidency

The Chair informed delegates that the next LEWP meeting would be on 21 December 2015 and updated them on the progress of the Europol Regulation negotiations (outstanding issues and future planning), the CEPOL implementation as well as the outcome of some recent meetings of LEWP networks - NPPF in the Hague and e-MOBIDIG in Rotterdam.

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

#### 3.1. Overview of expert groups and networks related to the LEWP and provisional planning of their meetings

The Presidency informed delegations about the second revised version of the overview set out in 7706/2/15 REV 2 ENFOPOL 77.

#### 3.2. Results of the ENLETS meeting, held on 19-20 October 2015 in Luxembourg

The ENLETS Chair presented the outcome of the last meeting of the network (14093/15 ENFOPOL 344 COSI 143), explaining that discussions focused on the network guidelines setting out its internal organisation, operational arrangements, chairmanship, reporting, information exchange as well as the status and tasks of national contact points. In addition, the results of technology monitoring and the Europol Platform for Experts, on which some space was reserved for the network, were presented. The minutes of the network meeting would be disseminated to Member States for comments.

The Chair pointed out that the network funding received from the Commission would come to an end in February 2016 and that the 2016 work programme was in preparation.

The LEWP took note of the outcome of the ENLETS meeting.

### **3.3. Report on the meeting of experts for major sports events held on 12 November 2015 in Brussels**

The LEWP took note of the report as set out in 14094/15 ENFOPOL 345, with the introduction of a horizontal change throughout the document, which would be reflected in a revised version to be issued after the meeting.

### **3.4. Report on the activities of the operational network - @ON - to counter mafia-style serious and organised crime groups**

The IT delegation gave a detailed presentation of the @ON activities report outlined in 14095/15 ENFOPOL 346, emphasising both its objectives and achievements so far.

The LEWP took note of the report.

### **3.5. Report on the EnviCrimeNet meeting held on 21 and 22 October in Milan**

Due to the unavailability of the EnviCrimeNet Chair, the report of the network set out in 14096/15 ENFOPOL 347 was not discussed. Instead the IT delegation presented the results of a joint police operation (JPO) conducted last year on waste trafficking and a current project in that area aimed at enhancing the results of a new JPO.

The Commission representative explained that following the Commission's 2014 Communication on wildlife trafficking, and mindful of the concluding conference and respective contributions from Member States calling for action and supporting an EU approach and the related discussion in COSI, it would present an action plan on environmental crime in the first quarter of 2016.

## **4. Relationship between ENLETS, RCEG and e-MOBIDIG**

As agreed at the September LEWP meeting, the Presidency contacted the chairs of the three networks (ENLETS, RCEG and e-MOBIDIG) in order to ask for their opinion on the possible merger. As no full feedback had been provided so far the Presidency would continue to explore the matter in order to develop its proposal for the December meeting of the LEWP.

The chairs of ENLETS and RCEG took the floor to explain that after receiving the mandate from the LEWP they had looked into their relationship and were preparing a report which was expected to be ready in December. They had found that ENLETS and RCEG were technical in nature and worked at different speeds, thus a merger could not be an option, but they were willing to establish a closer relationship in order to obtain synergies. For that reason they were in the process of identifying common projects for 2016 and other common areas of work in order to optimise the results and avoid duplication.

Several delegations expressed the view that there was a need to rationalise the LEWP's expert groups and networks, and increase their cooperation, interaction and joint work. Bearing in mind the budgetary constraints, one MS also suggested examining the possibility of holding joint meetings.

Member States were invited to present their positions in writing by 4 December 2015.

## **5. Reports from LEWP-related expert groups and networks:**

### **5.1. Discussion on the revised guidelines on the relationship between the LEWP and its related expert groups and networks**

The Presidency outlined the main features of its proposal for a new enhanced top-down approach (12915/1/15 REV 1 ENFOPOL 290) and the logic behind it, that is to align the work plan of every network or expert group with the policy cycle.

Delegations welcomed in general the new approach, but requested more time for reflection on its practical implications (several entered scrutiny reservations). Some raised concerns that the implementation of this method would result in an increase of the LEWP's workload, would add a further level of complexity or would create additional red tape. They also stressed the need to maintain space for strategic discussions. One delegation suggested categorising the networks into operational ones and those for the exchange of information, in order to differentiate the approach, and recommended using technology wherever possible to avoid meeting in person. Some delegations highlighted the need to adapt working procedures and simplify reporting.

The role of CEPOL and Europol in the networks and experts groups was also discussed.

The Presidency set 4 December 2015 as the deadline for written comments and explained it would aim to present a final document for adoption at the LEWP meeting on 21 December 2015.

## **5.2. EU funding possibilities for the LEWP-related network and rules under the ISF fund of DG HOME**

The Commission representative presented the EU funding possibilities available for law enforcement activities, focusing mainly on the objectives of the Internal Security Fund for Border and Police and explaining the new features - shared management, multiannual perspective, national programmes and union actions and emergency assistance. With regard to the latter, an increase in the amount available for 2016 was expected but so far no specific figure was available.

## **6. (poss.) Discussion on police and customs cooperation**

The discussion on this item was postponed to the next LEWP meeting.

## **7. AOB**

No items were raised under this item.

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