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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	24 February 2016
To:	Law Enforcement Working Party
Subject:	Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 1469/1/16 REV 1, one intervention (IT) being added under AOB.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency briefed the delegates with respect to the following aspects:

- the state of play of the Renewed European Union Internal Security Strategy Implementation Paper (5298/1/16 REV 1);
- the exchange with the LEWP networks: 6 of them replied to the request of the Presidency, sending input regarding the future strategic objectives. A first draft of a document on strategic objectives should be presented during the LEWP meeting on 22 March 2016;

- the state of play of the Europol Regulation and of the Europol strategic cooperation agreement with Brazil;
- the new procedure to be used for the signing of the working arrangements Cepol/Kosovo and Cepol/Serbia after the entry into application of the new Cepol Regulation.

3. European Forensic Science Area - EFSA 2020

The Presidency put forward for a first exchange of opinions the draft Council Conclusions and Action Plan on the way forward towards the European Forensic Science Area (EFSA) 2020 (6078/16). A deadline for written comments was given on 4 March 2016. The Chair of the European Forensic Science Institutes Network (ENFSI) presented two of the network's projects, relevant for the Action Plan: "Towards the Development of Pan-European Databases in Forensic Science" and "Towards European Forensic Standardisation through Best Practice Manuals". A revised version of the document should be presented during the next LEWP meeting on 22 March 2016; after adoption by the Working Party, the conclusions and the Action Plan should be adopted by the Council in June 2016.

4. Financial investigation

The Presidency briefed the delegates on the outcomes of the Conference on Financial Investigation, which took place in Amsterdam between 10 and 11 February 2016 and put forward for discussion a first draft of an Action Plan on this topic (DS 1107/16). The deadline for written comments was set for 4 March 2016. A revised version of the document should be presented during the next LEWP meeting on 22 March 2016; after adoption by the Working Party, the Action Plan on Financial Investigation should be endorsed by COSI.

5. Europol

Europol presented its strategy for 2016-2020 (15099/15) for information and its work programme for 2016 (5909/16) for adoption by the LEWP. The Working Party adopted the programme which, subsequently, should be endorsed by Coreper and Council.

6. Cepol

Cepol presented its Change Management Plan (6086/16): the preparing process leading to its adoption in December 2015 and its structure (governance and stakeholders relations, human resources and administration and core business). Cepol and the Commission also briefed the delegates about the approach to be followed for the identification of a new methodology for the strategic training needs assessment - a process to be largely sub-contracted following a call for tender, with Cepol involvement. Finally, under this point, the Presidency informed the delegates that the Cepol Presidency Conference would take place in Amsterdam between 14 and 16 March 2016 and it would focus on financial investigation.

7. Use by Member States of Interpol's Red Notices and Diffusions – results of the questionnaire

The Commission briefly presented the results of its questionnaire on the use by Member States of Interpol's Red Notices and Diffusions: their processing by law enforcement authorities, their legal status, the redress mechanisms, the problems encountered as well as suggestions for further improvement.

8. AOB

Italy briefed the delegates about the latest development regarding the TECUM Project (Tackling Environmental Crime through Standardised Methodology).
