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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
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To: Customs Cooperation Working Party  
Subject: Summary of discussions

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### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 1126/2/18 REV 2.

### 2. Presentation of the Presidency priorities

The Presidency presented its priorities for the CCWP for the first semester of 2018. The incoming Presidency will focus on the preparation and approval of the mandates for actions retained under the 9th Action Plan, as well as on finalising the 8th Action Plan. The Presidency will seek synergies with and opportunities under the EU Policy Cycle and will take care of the annual revision of the JCO Guide.

### 3. Information from the Presidency

The CCWP took note of the information provided by the Presidency on documents and past and upcoming meetings relevant to the work of the CCWP, as set out in WK 939/2018.

#### 4. **Revision of the strategic objectives of the Joint Customs Operations (JCOs)**

The Presidency presented its plans concerning the annual revision of the JCO Guide. In particular, it submitted doc. 5491/18 for the annual revision of the strategic objectives for JCOs.

The Presidency invited delegations to send their written comments before 7 February 2018.

#### 5. **9<sup>th</sup> Action Plan (2018-2019) of the Customs Cooperation Working Party**

- **Mandate for Action 9.1.1 “Illegal cigarette production sites within the EU and proliferation of cigarette production machines and tobacco precursors imported legally”**

The Austrian delegation presented the mandate for Action 9.1.1 as set out in doc. 5048/1/18. The CCWP approved the mandate.

- **Mandate for Action 9.1.2.1 “Laundering (the removal of fiscal marker)”**

The Belgian delegation presented the mandate for Action 9.1.2.1 as set out in doc. 5049/1/18. The CCWP approved the mandate.

- **Mandate for Action 9.1.2.2 “Smuggling of ‘designer fuels”**

The Slovakian delegation presented the mandate for Action 9.1.2.2 as set out in doc. 5050/1/18. The CCWP approved the mandate.

- **Mandate for Action 9.5 “Fight against IPR infringements”**

The Bulgarian delegation presented the mandate for Action 9.5 as set out in doc. 5051/1/18. The CCWP approved the mandate.

- **Mandate for Action 9.7 “Better integration of Customs in EU SOCTA” – leader SE**

The Swedish delegation presented the mandate for Action 9.7 as set out in doc. 5279/1/18. The CCWP approved the mandate.

## **6. Stepping up the fight against the illicit tobacco trade**

A representative of the Commission gave a comprehensive presentation on all the activities planned by OLAF for 2018. The Commission will adopt the second Anti-Smuggling Action Plan around summer 2018. It also informed on the informal dialogue with Eastern Partnership countries which this year will focus on anti-fraud and where the issue of illegal tobacco trade will be discussed.

## **7. EUROPOL strategic and operational activities in 2018**

A representative of EUROPOL gave a presentation on the main activities planned by the Agency in relation to customs in 2018.

## **8. Joint Action Days (JADs) 2018 within EMPACT /EU Policy Cycle**

The Presidency informed delegations about a meeting organized by Europol on 15 January 2018 on the organization and priorities for the JADs 2018.

## **9. Synergies and opportunities for coordination between the activities developed under the EU Policy Cycle and the Ninth Customs Cooperation Working Party Action Plan for the year 2018.**

The Presidency very briefly informed delegations that at the next meeting on 14 February 2018, the CCWP will discuss an updated version of the Presidency Note on the synergies and new opportunities for coordination of the 9th Action Plan and the EU Policy Cycle priorities. The COSI Support Group started to discuss this issue at its meeting on 1 December 2017 on the basis of doc. 14959/17.

## **10. Search for a new fiscal marker and evaluation of the Fiscal Marking Directive**

Two representatives of the Commission (JRC and DG TAXUD) gave a presentation on a) the progress on the search for a new more robust common fiscal marker for gas oil and kerosene and b) next steps in the process and progress in the evaluation of the Fiscal Marking Directive (Directive 2003/96/EC).

## **11. Any other business**

The Belgian delegation provided brief information on the draft mandate for Action 9.3. The draft mandate would be submitted for approval at the CCWP plenary meeting on 14 February 2018.

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