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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 5 July 2018
To: Customs Cooperation Working Party
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 3523/1/18 REV 1 was adopted.

2. 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 8152/18.

3. Priorities of the Austrian Presidency

The Presidency presented its priorities for the CCWP during the second semester of 2018: Implementation of the 9th Action Plan; Enhancing customs contribution to internal security; Update of the strategy for the future law enforcement co-operation; Review of the legal framework to exchange information/data with Member States, the European Commission, Europol and Frontex; Guidance on the Naples II Convention; Preparation of the meeting of EPCC-DGs of Customs; Updating the JCO Recommendation monitoring file and continue Coordination Mechanism meeting for joint operations.

The provisional calendar for the meetings is as follows: 5 July (plenary), 20 July (experts), 18 September (plenary), 26 October (plenary), 8 November (CCWP plenary + LEWP joint meeting), 16 November (experts) and 12 December 2018 (plenary).

4. Six months report of the former Bulgarian Presidency

The former Bulgarian Presidency gave a presentation reporting on its work during the past six months.

5. Enhancing customs contribution to internal security

Cooperation with Europol

5.1 Introduction by the Presidency

Following the discussions in COSI on 15 May and in the CCWP on 19 June 2018, the Presidency proposed a structured approach with a series of thematic discussions in CCWP Plenary meetings, based on questions in a Presidency note prepared in advance for each meeting.

5.2 Action 9.7 Better integration of Customs in EU SOCTA

The Swedish delegation gave a presentation on the implementation of Action 9.7 Better integration of Customs in EU SOCTA.

5.3 Experiences by Member States

The Finnish and the Austrian delegations gave presentations about their experiences of cooperation with Europol.

5.4 Discussion

Delegations exchanged views and shared experiences, based on the questions set out in document 10588/18.

The Presidency invited delegations to send their written comments by 3 September.

6. Review of the legal framework to exchange information/data with Member States, European Commission, Europol and Frontex

The Presidency proposed to make a review of current legal instruments, in order to ensure effective and efficient cooperation regarding customs related crime matters.

The Presidency invited delegations to send their written comments by 31 July.

7. Update of the Strategy for the future customs law enforcement co-operation

7.1 Introduction by the Presidency

The Presidency proposed to establish a small drafting group, which would revise and update the current Strategy for future customs law enforcement cooperation, which was endorsed by the Council in 2012.

7.2 Exchange of views

Delegations exchanged views on the proposal. NL, FI and COM expressed interest to participate in the group, which would be chaired by AT.

The Presidency invited delegations to send their written comments by 31 July.

8. Naples II: CEPOL Seminar on Naples II, Guidance of Naples II replacing NII handbook

– Presentation by the Dutch delegation

The Dutch delegation presented a modernised version of the Handbook (from now on called "Guidance") on the Naples II Convention, as set out in 10590/18, resulting from the work of the CCU Steering Group on Action 8.7 of the 8th Action Plan. The presentation also included information on a CEPOL training on Naples II, which will be held in the autumn.

The Presidency invited delegations to send their written comments by 3 September.

9. Any other business

The delegations did not raise any issues under AOB.