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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 20 July 2018
To: Customs Cooperation Working Party
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 3768/1/18 REV 1 was adopted.

2. Information from the Presidency

The CCWP took note of the information provided by the Presidency on activities relevant to the work of the CCWP, as set out in WK 8904/18.

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. JC(P)Os, JADs and other Customs operations

5.1. JCPO Columbus II

The Portuguese delegation gave a presentation on the draft business case for JCPO Columbus II, as set out in 11229/18.

Delegations were invited to send their written comments by 5 September.

5.2 Octopus II

The French delegation gave a presentation on Octopus II.

5.3 JAD Danube III and JAD Mobile

Frontex gave a presentation on JAD Danube III and JAD Mobile.

5.4 Pandora III

Europol gave a presentation on Pandora III.

5.5 JCO Snake II

OLAF gave a presentation on JCO Snake II.

5.6 Member States' information on regional operations

The German and the Croatian delegations provided brief information on regional activities in which their countries take part.

6. Information from OLAF

OLAF provided information on

- the outcome of 6th meeting of the Expert Group on mutual assistance in customs matters (EG-MAC), and
- the upcoming Conference on Anti-Fraud Information System (AFIS) in Vienna.

7. Outcome of Coordination Mechanism meeting for joint operations

Delegations took note of the presentation by the Presidency on the outcome of the Coordination Mechanism meeting which was held on 23 May, as set out in 9795/18 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED. A few delegations, as well as Frontex, pointed out that the document would need further work.

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

The Presidency gave information on the planned review of current legal instruments, in order to ensure effective and efficient cooperation regarding customs related criminal matters. The Presidency will elaborate a questionnaire in relation to one or two hypothetical cases.

The Presidency invited delegations to send their written comments and proposals for a second case example by 31 July.

9. Any other business

The delegations did not raise any issues under AOB.
