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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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To: Terrorism Working Party (TWP) / COTER
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda, as set out in document [CM 4680/1/17 REV1](#), was adopted.

2. Information by the Presidency

The two chairs briefly presented the topics dealt with by their respective groups for the past months. A common aim had been to create greater synergy between internal and external counterterrorism (CT) aspects.

3. Internal and external dimensions of the CT/CVE policies in the context of the Global Strategy and the Security Union

- Summary and follow-up of the discussion at the TWP-COTER meeting in July
- Exchange of views on the way forward based on document [13683/17](#)

As follow-up to the discussion on 18 July 2017 on internal and external dimensions of CT/ CVE policies in the context of the Global Strategy and the Security Union based on the Presidency discussion paper (WK 7725/2017 INIT), the Presidency introduced the outcome document (13683/17); which outlines the main suggestions of the discussion.

The delegations acknowledged the relevance of all the issues addressed in the Presidency document and stressed the need to further reflect on the suggestions outlined therein.

A revised version, taking into account the discussion at the meeting, will be circulated to Member States. The delegations are invited to submit written comments on the medium and long-term proposals as well as on the proposed guidelines for improving cooperation between TWP and COTER by 17 November 2017 (secretariat.coter@consilium.europa.eu). TWP and COTER will remain engaged in this particular matter and the Presidency invited the upcoming Presidencies to take the work forward.

TWP and COTER will revert to this topic, as appropriate.

4. Western Balkans

- Presentation by INTCEN (*EU CONFIDENTIAL*)
- Presentation by EEAS and the CT expert in Sarajevo

Delegations took note of the INTCEN presentation based on the report no. EEAS 2017 (10461) (*EU CONFIDENTIAL*). EEAS summarised recent meetings, workshops and dialogues and notified about upcoming events in the region. The CT expert in Sarajevo gave an overview of the CT/CVE-situation in the Western Balkans, the strengths and weaknesses of the region, enumerating what the EU was already doing and replying to delegations' questions as to how and where EU support could make a difference, underlining the important role of the national CVE coordinators.

5. Reviewing the implementation of the Western Balkans Counter Terrorism initiative (WBCTi) integrated plan of action (iPA) 2015–2017 and developing the WBCTi iPA 2018-2020

- Presentation by Austria on the methodology of the WBCTi
- Presentation by the DCAF Programme Manager and IISG chair on the key achievements and way forward on the WBCTi
- Discussion and exchange of views based on document 13684/17

Following presentations on the state of play of the WBCTi, delegations welcomed the work already undertaken. On the basis of the Presidency note 13684/17, delegations indicated their preferences for future priorities. A number of delegations, supported by the Commission and the CTC, expressed the need for more measurable actions, for a more tangible outcome.

On the basis of the debate which took place and Member States' written comments - deadline 17 November 2017, to be sent to (twg@consilium.europa.eu), a revised document will be elaborated ahead of the WBCTi "jumbo-meeting" of 30 November 2017 which will endorse the next integrated plan of action for 2018-2020.

6. AOB
