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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 12 December 2018
To: Customs Cooperation Working Party
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 5445/1/18 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 15374/18.

3. 9th Action Plan (2018 – 2019) – Progress reports

– **9.1.1 Illegal cigarette production sites within the EU and proliferation of cigarette production machines and tobacco precursors imported legally**

– Presentation by the Austrian delegation

The Austrian delegation presented the progress made on Action 9.1.1.

– **9.1.2.1 Laundering (the removal of fiscal marker)**

– Presentation by the Belgian delegation

The Belgian delegation presented the progress made on Action 9.1.2.1.

- **9.1.2.2 Smuggling of ‘designer fuels’**
 - Presentation by the Slovak delegation

The Slovak delegation presented the progress made on Action 9.1.2.2.
- **9.2 Smuggling of chemicals and precursors for explosives**
 - Presentation by the Dutch delegation

The Dutch delegation presented the progress made on Action 9.2.
- **9.3 Customs against internet crime**

JCO POSTBOX II, Business Case- adoption

 - Presentation by the Belgian delegation

The Belgian delegation presented the Business Case for JCO POSTBOX II, as set out in 13893/18. The Business Case was adopted by the CCWP.
- **9.4 Illicit cash movements**
 - Presentation by the Italian delegation

The Italian delegation presented the progress made on Action 94.
- **9.5 IPR infringements**
 - Presentation by the Bulgarian delegation

The Belgian delegation presented the progress made on Action 9.5.
- **9.6 Central Coordinating Units (CCU)**
 - Presentation by the Austrian delegation

The Austrian delegation presented the progress made on Action 9.6.
- **9.7 Better integration of Customs in EU SOCTA**
 - Presentation by the Swedish delegation

The Swedish delegation presented the progress made on Action 9.7.

4. Enhancing customs contribution to internal security

4.1. Report on enhancing customs contribution to internal security

- Presentation by the Presidency - Adoption

The Presidency presented the report on enhancing customs cooperation to internal security as set out in 13250/3/18 REV 3.

The Presidency invited delegations to send their written comments by 31 January 2019.

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

- Presentation by the Presidency

The Presidency presented the updated Strategy for the future customs law enforcement co-operation, as set out in 13708/1/18 REV 1 + COR 1.

The Presidency invited delegations to send their written comments by 31 January 2019.

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

- Final Report: Presentation by the Presidency

The Presidency presented the evaluation of the questionnaire in for the review of legal framework to exchange information with (in) Member States, European Commission, Europol and Frontex, as set out in 15280/18.

7. Interoperability: state of play of the project group

- Presentation by the COM

The Commission (TAXUD) presented the state of play of the project group on interoperability, as set out in 15142/18.

8. Handbook for use by Customs and Border Guard/Police Officers to increase their knowledge in the recognition of weapon types to combat firearms trafficking.

- Presentation by Frontex

Frontex presented an OA under EMPACT priority "Firearms".

9. Outcome of the Coordination Mechanism

The Presidency presented the outcome of the Coordination Mechanism, as set out in 14593/18 (*RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED*).

The Presidency invited delegations to send their written comments or corrections by 31 January 2019.

10. Priorities of incoming RO Presidency

- Presentation by the Romanian delegation

The incoming Romanian Presidency presented its priorities for the CCWP during the first semester of 2019:

- Approval of the Strategy for the future customs law enforcement
- Elaboration of the Situational Awareness Paper, as the baseline for the 10th Action Plan (2020-2021)
- Preparing the questionnaire for the 10th Action Plan
- Continue the work on enhancing the customs contribution to the internal security by strengthening the cooperation with FRONTEX, EUROPOL, OLAF, CEPOL

Meetings are planned for 9 January (Plenary), 7 February (Experts), 5 March (Plenary), 28 March (Experts), 11 April (Plenary), 21 May (1/2 day joint meeting with LEWP + 1/2 day Experts) and 18 June (Plenary).

11. Any other business

The Polish delegation provided information on the meeting of the steering committee for CELBET II.
