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## **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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(COSI)

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### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda as set out in **CM 5197/1/18 REV 1** was adopted.

### **2. Information from the Presidency**

The Presidency informed COSI about the cooperation agreement signed on 10 October 2018 between ATLAS, Europol and the Commission, including the establishment of the Atlas Network Support office at Europol (ASO). ASO will become operational in July 2019 and will be located directly at the European Counter Terrorism Centre. An evaluation report is expected in June 2020.

The Committee took note of the items concluded by the COSI SG on 16 November 2018, as set out in **WK 14133/18**, including the adoption of the 2019 Operational Action Plans (OAPs) for the EU Policy Cycle/EMPACT 2018/2021.

The Presidency also informed about the agenda of the next EU- Interpol Senior Officials meeting (Vienna, 10-11 December 2018), set out in 13832/18.

**3. Enhancing the response to migrant smuggling networks: a comprehensive and operational set of measures**

13861/1/18 REV 1

In preparation of the Council debate and further to the discussions at the COSI Support Group, the Committee held an exchange of views on the draft set of measures. Taking into account the outcome of the discussion, work will continue with a view to submitting a revised version for approval by the Council in December.

**4. Draft Council conclusions on the future strategic direction in the field of internal security**

14028/1/18 REV 1

The Committee held an exchange of views on the draft Council conclusions with a view to submitting a revised version for adoption to the Council in December.

**5. Enhancing customs contribution to internal security: interim report**

13250/2/18 REV 2

The Committee welcomed the report from the Presidency and the work accomplished by the Customs Cooperation Working Party thus far. Delegations highlighted the need for further involvement of customs authorities in the EU Policy Cycle/EMPACT, in risk analysis and joint trainings with law enforcement authorities. Better integration of data basis is also of interest.

COSI will stay seized on the matter, whereas the next report could identify further areas for deepening cooperation with customs authorities.

## **6. Fight against organised and serious international crime: polycriminal groups**

14192/18

While there was a broad support for the concepts of High Value Target and Operational Task Force, a more prudent approach was advocated by a number of delegations as regards the allocation of additional resources and developing a dedicated funding mechanism for a complimentary approach to address poly-criminal groups. Examining the possibilities to develop such an approach in the framework of the EU Policy Cycle/EMPACT was referred to by delegations. In light of this first exchange of views, work on this issue will be carried further in COSI.

## **7. EU Strategic Training Needs Assessment**

14196/18

The Committee welcomed the presentation of the first EU Strategic Training Needs Assessment by CEPOL, as an important collective effort to identify training priorities in the area of internal security and its external aspects at EU level, while avoiding duplication of efforts and achieve better coordination..

## **8. Interoperability: the outlook of practitioners**

14193/18

The Committee took note of the presentation of the Presidency underlining the value of interoperability solutions for the law enforcement authorities both at EU and national level.

## **9. Presentation of the work programme of the incoming RO Presidency**

The incoming RO Presidency presented its main priorities. Together with the recurring topics, COSI will focus inter alia on developing the concept of novel actionable information (NAI) and EU Policing 2030/2040.

The following COSI meetings are initially foreseen: 21 February, including a joint COSI-PSC meeting, 13-14 March (informal COSI and informal joint COSI-SCIFA), 14 May and (possibly) 24 June 2019.

## **10. AOB**

A representative of the Counter Terrorism group (CTG) presented a summary of their activities during the last semester, highlighting the special analytical project on women and children.

Europol informed about a workshop on criminal analysis that took place in October 2018. The outcomes will be presented to COSI SG in December.

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