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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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To:	Delegations
Subject:	Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI)

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda as set out in CM 1319/19 was adopted.

2. **Information from the Presidency**

The Presidency informed COSI about the Informal JHA ministerial meeting (Bucharest,

7-8 February 2019), the EU- Interpol Senior Officials meeting (Vienna, 10-11 December 2018),

the upcoming 3rd Heads of Countering Migrant Smuggling Units Meeting, taking place in the

Hague, on 25 March 2019.

The Committee took note of the items concluded by the COSI SG on 10 December 2018 and

4 February 2019, as set out in WK 15443/18 and WK 2196/19.

3. **Fight against terrorism**

    3.1. **EU response to terrorism - state of play and way forward**

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In preparation of the Council debate, the Committee had an exchange of views on the issues outlined in the Presidency paper, noting the need for implementing adopted measures and addressing practical shortcomings. Furthermore, the need to enhance links and to develop further the internal/external security nexus in the area of counter terrorism was stressed.

    3.2. **EU response to CBRN related risks: follow up on 2017 Council Conclusions on strengthening the European Union response to CBRN related risks, reducing access to explosive precursors and protecting public spaces (15648/17)**

The Committee welcomed the presentation by the Commission regarding the EU response to CBRN risks and the possible way forward, especially in view of addressing the recently reported increased risk in the potential use of chemical and biological weapons.

    3.3. **National experiences**

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COSI took note of the presentation by the French delegation of the new national CT Action Plan. The Commission expressed its support and proposed the organisation of a meeting to support exchange of experiences and practices among Member States.

4. **Novel Actionable Information**

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Further to the broad support expressed by Ministers at the Informal Ministerial meeting for the Presidency initiative on Novel Actionable Information, COSI exchanged views on the main elements of the concept put forward in the Presidency note. In light of this discussion the Presidency is going to prepare draft Council conclusions with a view to their adoption by the Council in June of this year.

5.   EU Policy Cycle for organised and serious international crime/EMPACT

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The Committee took note of the official decision of the United Kingdom to step down from the role of driver and co-driver in the EU POLICY CYCLE/EMPACT priorities 2018/2021. The Committee agreed on the appointment of new Drivers and Co-drivers.

6.   Report on interoperability of security and border management systems with customs systems

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COSI welcomed the presentation by the Commission on the options of promoting interoperability across the relevant systems. A feasibility study will soon be launched to further examine the technical, operational and legal aspects of such an interoperability solution.

7.   JHA Agencies network

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The Committee took note of the presentations by EIGE on the activities of the JHA Agencies Network in 2018 and by Europol regarding the key priorities of the JHA Agencies Network in 2019 with a focus on interoperability, ICT, Cyber and innovation.

8.   AOB

Frontex informed its 2019 Risk Assessment has been released.

Italy informed about the first conference within the ONNET project, which will take place on 16-17 April 2019 at Europol HQ. This project is a 24 months initiative led by the Italian Antimafia Investigative Directorate and funded by the Commission to tackle serious and organised crime groups across the EU. The project will focus on complementing the support to international mafia – style investigations provided by Europol Top OCG Team. Moreover it will address the issue of any mafia style OCG that can be tackled by Member States.