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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	17 September 2019
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Summary of discussions - LEWP/COPEN Joint meeting

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 3214/19.

2. Eighth round of mutual evaluations

2.1 Discussion and adoption of the report on AUSTRIA

10079/19 ENFOPOL 291 COPEN 263 ENV 565

The expert team responsible for the evaluation presented the content of the draft report on Austria and the ensuing conclusions and recommendations, as set out in 10079/19.

DE, FR and BE asked some questions, which were answered by AT.

The draft report on Austria, as set out in the above document, with some changes set out in WK 9993/2019, was adopted by the Working Party.

2.2 Discussion and adoption of the report on LITHUANIA

10080/19 ENFOPOL 292 COPEN 264 ENV 566

The expert team responsible for the evaluation presented the content of the draft report on Lithuania and the ensuing conclusions and recommendations, as set out in 10080/19.

RO, FR and PL asked some questions, which were answered by LT.

The draft report on Lithuania, as set out in the above document, with some changes set out in WK 9991/2019, was adopted by the Working Party.

2.3 Discussion and adoption of the report on the United Kingdom

10081/19 ENFOPOL 293 COPEN 265 ENV 567

The expert team responsible for the evaluation presented the content of the draft report on the United Kingdom and the ensuing conclusions and recommendations, as set out in 10081/19.

The United Kingdom was not represented at the meeting.

The draft report on the United Kingdom, as set out in the above document, subject to the deletion of the word "bilateral " in point 10.2.3, sub-point 1, was adopted by the Working Party.

3. Preliminary findings of the 8th evaluation round - Presentation by GSC

11751/19 ENFOPOL 374 COPEN 332 ENV 744

The GSC gave a presentation of the preliminary conclusions of the draft final report, as set out in doc.11751/19, followed by a preliminary exchange of views.

Some delegations anticipated some comments that they will send in writing.

Four delegations (NL, AT, DE and HR) expressed a critical view on the recommendations in the draft final report regarding the collection of statistical data. SE expressed on the contrary a positive view on the inclusion in the final report of such recommendations.

AT also raised the issue of the involvement of NGOs in criminal proceedings as "parte civile", that according to the relevant national legislation can require to have suffered a damage.

DE expressed the view that the use of special investigative techniques, useful to tackle environmental crime, should be "proportional".

The GSC gave some preliminary explanations in relation to these comments.

The Presidency invited delegations to submit possible written comments on the above draft final report **by 4 October 2019**.

4. A.O.B.

No issues were raised under this point.
