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(COSI)

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 3876/2/19 REV 2 was adopted.

2. Information from the Presidency

Delegations were briefed on the COSI/PSC meeting (25 September 2019) and the draft Council Conclusions on combatting the sexual abuse of children which is to be brought before JHA Council (7/8 October 2019). Items concluded in the COSI SG meetings (22 July 2019 and 11 September 2019) including the EU Policy Cycle Funding for 2020 were also addressed (WK 10320/19). Reference was made to a summit that will take place in Ethiopia (11-12 December 2019) on online child sexual abuse and exploitation as well as the security research event that will take place in Helsinki (6-7 November). The Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), the Migration Policy Centre (MPC) and the Law department of the European University Institute (EUI), in cooperation with Finland's Presidency of the EU, will organise a meeting in Brussels titled *Tampere 20 Years Anniversary: Key Achievements and Future Priorities on Justice and Home Affairs Cooperation*, that will take place on the 4 October at CEPS.

3. The future direction of EU internal security: new technologies and internal security

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In preparation of the Council debate, the Committee held an exchange of views on the above topic as part of the general reflection on the future of EU Internal security. Delegations highlighted their support for the creation of an innovation lab within Europol yet also underlined the need to ensure adequate funding for the functioning of the lab. In light of the outcome of the discussion, Ministers will be requested to provide guidance on the next steps.

4. Right-wing violent extremism and terrorism

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In preparation of the Council debate and further to discussions that had been held at the TWP, the Committee underlined the need to monitor and record the developments of this issue. It was deemed timely and relevant to bring this debate forward for a high level political discussion.

5. Hybrid Threat and Internal Security

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The Committee welcomed the Presidency report as well as a presentation on the outcome of a scenario based policy discussion held at the informal ministers meeting in Helsinki July 2019. Delegations agreed that a multi-sectorial, national and EU approach should be taken. Delegations additionally highlighted the role of EU agencies in support of MSs efforts. In light of the discussion a policy debate will be brought at the Council in October.

6. Interoperability: effective implementation¹

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Grounded on the two new interoperability regulations that entered into force 11 June 2019, the Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission and the presentation by eu-LISA. The state of play and next steps were discussed.

7. Organised and serious international crime

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AT and NL provided presentations in relation to the operational aspects of migrant smuggling as part of EMPACT. IT provided a presentation in relation to the recent developments in the threat posed by the mafia-style organised crime groups.

8. AOB

Europol announced that the European Police Chiefs Conference is to take place at The Hague on 2-3 October 2019.

¹ Exceptionally in the presence of the Schengen Associated States