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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
On: 11 January 2018  
To: Customs Cooperation Working Party (Experts)  
Subject: Summary of discussions

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### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 1029/2/18.

### 2. Presentation of the Presidency priorities

The Presidency presented its priorities for the CCWP during the first semester of 2018. The incoming Presidency will focus on the preparation and approval of the mandates for actions retained under the 9th Action Plan, as well as on finalising the 8th Action Plan. The Presidency will seek synergies with and opportunities under the EU Policy Cycle and will take care of the annual revision of the JCO Guide.

The dates for the meetings are as follows: 11 January (experts), 31 January (plenary), 14 February (plenary), 27 March (experts), 12 April (plenary), 22 May (experts) and 19 June (plenary).

### 3. 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 168/18.

### 4. Revision of the JCO Guide

The Presidency presented its plans concerning the annual revision of the JCO Guide.

The Presidency emphasised the need to update the JCO Library. To this end, it asked delegations to submit, if possible, the business cases and final reports of the JCOs for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. For final reports or business cases which are RESTRICTED or CONFIDENTIAL, the Presidency kindly asked delegations to send at least the title, date, scope and main objectives of the JCO. The deadline is set for 28 February 2018.

### 5. 9th Action Plan (2018-2019) of the Customs Cooperation Working Party

The Presidency gave a presentation on the planned implementation of the 9th Action Plan.

The Commission indicated that it had circulated the contact persons for each action. The Commission said that its participation would consist primarily in providing advice and input on legislative aspects as well as on ongoing developments in the preparation of the mandates. The Commission specified, however, that it would take full part in the activities planned in Action 9.5 and possibly in Action 9.1.1.

- **Draft mandate for Action 9.1.1: 'Illegal cigarette production sites within the EU and proliferation of cigarette production machines and tobacco precursors imported legally'** – leader: AT

AT gave a presentation on the draft mandate for Action 9.1.1. Delegations were invited to submit their comments by 22 January 2018. The draft mandate would be submitted for approval at the CCWP plenary meeting on 31 January 2018.

- **Draft mandate for Action 9.1.2.1: 'Laundering (the removal of fiscal markers)'** – leader: BE

BE gave a presentation on the draft mandate for Action 9.1.2.1. Delegations were invited to submit their comments by 22 January 2018. The draft mandate would be submitted for approval at the CCWP plenary meeting on 31 January 2018.

- **Draft mandate for Action 9.1.2.2: 'Smuggling of "designer fuels"'** – leader: SK

SK gave a presentation on the draft mandate for Action 9.1.2.2. Delegations were invited to submit their comments by 22 January 2018. The draft mandate would be submitted for approval at the CCWP plenary meeting on 31 January 2018.

- **Draft mandate for Action 9.5: 'Fight against IPR infringements'** – leader: BG

BG gave a presentation on the draft mandate for Action 9.5. Delegations were invited to submit their comments by 22 January 2018. The draft mandate would be submitted for approval at the CCWP plenary meeting on 31 January 2018.

- **Draft mandate for Action 9.7: 'Better integration of customs in EU SOCTA'** – leader: SE

SE provided some brief information on the draft mandate for Action 7. The corresponding ST document would be issued in the coming days. As for the other draft mandates, delegations were invited to submit their comments by 22 January 2018. The draft mandate would be submitted for approval at the CCWP plenary meeting on 31 January 2018.

## 6. Environmental crime

- **'Environmental Crime' OAP for 2018 within EMPACT**

The FR driver of the Environmental Crime OAP for 2018 gave a presentation on the operational action plan for 2018 (14484/17 RESTREINT UE). 24 Member States are taking part in this OAP, plus several EU agencies and international partners.

– **Outcomes of TEMBO JCPO**

A representative from the Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Western Europe (RILO WE) gave a presentation on the outcomes of the TEMBO joint customs and police operation (JPCO) concerning the smuggling of ivory.

**7. FRONTEX operational activities in 2018**

A representative from Frontex gave a presentation on the operational activities planned by the agency for 2018, focusing on the possibilities for cooperation with customs authorities.

**8. Any other business**

The delegations did not raise any issues under AOB.

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