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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
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| Subject: | Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI) |
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### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda in CM 4422/1/23 REV 1 was adopted.

### 2. Information by the Presidency

The Presidency informed the Committee about the EU-CLASI ministerial meeting that took place on 28 September, the European Police Chiefs Convention on 26-27 September and the EU Innovation Hub for Internal Security annual event on 3 October. Other meetings in the pipeline were the EU-US Senior Officials Meeting in Madrid on 5 and 6 October 2023 and the EU-Western Balkans ministerial forum in Skopje on 26 and 27 October 2023. The Presidency announced that the next high-level meeting in the framework of the internal security dialogue with Ukraine would take place in November 2023 and that the next plenary meeting of the High-Level Group on access to data for effective law enforcement would take place on 21 November 2023. Finally, the Presidency updated COSI on the state of play of various legislative files (AI Act, Prüm II, CSA and the Asset Recovery Directive) and on a Presidency's initiative to develop a common European crime prevention strategy.

## Discussion items

### **3. Terrorism: Internal and external challenges**

COSI took note of Europol's EU Terrorism Situation & Trend Report 2023 ('TE-SAT'). COSI also debated the external counter-terrorism priorities that were considered relevant for internal security on the basis of an assessment carried out by the EU CTC. Following a presentation, COSI held an exchange of views on mental health issues as a vulnerability factor in the process of violent radicalisation and radicalisation in the prison environment. On the latter, the Presidency announced its intention to adopt Council conclusions in the JHA Council of 4-5 December 2023.

### **4. Financial and economic crime**

COSI took note of Europol's European financial and economic crime threat assessment 2023 ('The Other Side of the Coin: An Analysis of Financial and Economic Crime'). Following a presentation, COSI discussed the modus operandi of criminal organisation, including corruption, money laundering and reinvestment of proceeds into further criminal activities. COSI also discussed underground banking systems and agreed on the need for specialised law enforcement training, exchange of best practices and efforts to reach out third countries.

### **5. Drug trafficking: International routes and related violence**

COSI welcomed MAOC (N)'s work in the fight against drug trafficking and in particular the interception of vessels from Latin America with Europe as their final destination. Regarding the violence triggered by the drug trafficking phenomenon, COSI confirmed an increasing level of violence (use of firearms, casualties) mainly linked to the trafficking of cocaine, cannabis and synthetic drugs around logistical centres in various Member States. COSI agreed that a holistic approach remained relevant to addressing the drugs phenomenon, including its external dimension, offer, demand and prevention.

## Items for information/endorsement

### **6. Draft report to the European Parliament and national Parliaments on the proceedings of the Standing Committee on operational cooperation on internal security for the period January 2022 – June 2023**

COSI endorsed the report for the period January 2022 to June 2023 in 12943/1/23 REV 1.

### **7. Items concluded by the COSI Support Group**

COSI took note of the items concluded by COSI Support Group in 13150/23.

### **8. AOB**

COSI supported the intervention of the Bulgarian delegation raising awareness about the lack of funding for EMPACT operational actions (low value grants) and EMPACT's structural underfunding.

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