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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	29 and 30 May 2024
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI)

29 May (10:00)

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 2730/24 was adopted.

2. Information provided by the Presidency

The Presidency provided information about the ongoing work within the Law Enforcement Working Party (LEWP) - Police on the legislative proposals on migrant smuggling and child sexual abuse, the state of play of the work within the Company Law Working Party on the European Cross-Border Associations Directive, the upcoming EU-Interpol meeting in Lyon on 6 June, the relevant agenda items for the JHA Council on 13 June and the upcoming EU-US ministerial meeting on 21 June.

Discussion items

3. Recommendations from the High-Level Group on access to data for effective law enforcement

COSI exchanged views on the basis of the 42 recommendations made by the experts participating in the High-Level Group (HLG) on access to data for effective law enforcement. COSI expressed its full support for the HLG process and welcomed the work accomplished.

COSI considered as priority areas for action the minimum rules for access to data covering all providers, a harmonised EU legislative framework on data retention and access to encrypted data under specific conditions and in individual cases. COSI also identified a number of activities that could be launched immediately, such as cooperation with industry and the mapping of existing legislation.

COSI prepared the discussion for the meeting of the JHA Council on 13-14 July. A concluding report is expected in the autumn and will be presented to COSI, which will continue to monitor the progress of the HLG's work in coordination with CATS.

Items for information/endorsement

4. Tackling drug trafficking and organised crime - Draft Council Conclusions on mapping the most threatening criminal networks

The draft Council conclusions were endorsed by COSI prior to their inclusion in the agenda for the JHA Council meeting on 13-14 June for approval.

5. Counterterrorism and violent extremism

5.1 Presentation by the new EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator (CTC)

5.2 EU threat assessment in the field of counterterrorism: recommendations

5.3 Shared understanding of when a person should be regarded as a potential terrorist or as a violent extremist threat (Gefährder)

The EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator (CTC) provided information about the current internal security threats affecting the EU.

COSI endorsed two deliverables previously prepared within the Terrorism Working Party (TWP): the recommendations of the EU threat assessment in the field of counterterrorism and the shared understanding of when a person should be regarded as a potential terrorist or as a violent extremist threat (Gefährder).

6. Closing the gap in the intelligence picture on the criminal and terrorist use of firearms and their trafficking into and across the EU

COSI took note of the progress made regarding the establishment of National Firearms Focal Points, the development of a harmonised collection of information about firearms seizures at national level and the future contribution of data to the EU firearms hub in Europol.

7. Digital Files

COSI took note of the regular overview of digital files dealt with outside JHA, focussing on the recently adopted AI Act.

8. Items concluded by the COSI Support Group

COSI took note of the items concluded by the COSI Support Group in 9991/24.

9. Presentation of the work programme of the incoming Hungarian Presidency

The incoming Hungarian Presidency presented its work programme for the next six months, including priority topics such as the future of the EU's internal security, the impact of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, the fight against environmental crime, security challenges relating to major sports events, the fight against migrant smuggling, financial crime and the trafficking of cultural goods, the links between high-risk criminal networks and terrorism, cybercrime and lawful access to data.

10. AOB

- Sweden presented its paper entitled 'The New SecEUrity Package', including priorities for the next policy cycle in the area of internal security.
- The Presidency provided information about the issuing of a new compromise proposal for the EU-CLASI working procedures.

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Items for discussion

11. The fight against organised drug trafficking

COSI discussed with the members of the Latin American Committee on Internal Security (CLASI) the shared challenges posed by illegal drug trafficking.

COSI and CLASI concluded that there was a strong commitment on both sides to step up operational cooperation, including through prevention, further participation in EMPACT and the sharing of information with Europol.

12. Criminal networks

COSI and CLASI exchanged views concerning the high-risk criminal networks operating in the EU and Latin America, and undertook to combat those networks together, including through police and judicial cooperation.

13. Working procedures for cooperation between the EU and the Latin American Committee on Internal Security (CLASI)

The members of COSI and CLASI agreed on the EU-CLASI working procedures.
