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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 11 November 2019
To: Customs Cooperation Working Party
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 4633/1/19 was adopted.

2. Information from the Presidency

The CCWP took note of the information provided by the Presidency on documents and past and coming meetings relevant to the work of the CCWP, as set out in WK 12352/19.

3. Joint meeting with the Working Party on Dual-Use Goods (DUWP)

The Presidency provided information on the discussions in the joint meeting with DUWP which was held on 4 November 2019.

4. Preparation of the 10th Action Plan (2020-2021) of the CCWP, State of play

The Presidency provided information on the state of play of the preparation of the 10th Action Plan. A first draft will be presented at the Plenary meeting on 26 November in view of adoption on 17 December. The need for leaders for several proposed actions was emphasised.

5. Review of the JCO guide, state of play

The Presidency provided information on the state of play of the review of the JCO Guide. Delegations were invited to submit written comments on the proposal for a revised guide, as set out in 13716/19, by 18 November.

6. Information regarding the JCO Guide and approval of the JCOs

The Presidency provided some background information on the approval of the JCOs, in connection with the discussions on SNAKE II. The Council Legal Service elaborated on the distinction drawn by the JCO Guide between operations aimed exclusively at administrative cooperation between Member States' customs authorities, which fall outside the scope of the JCO Guide, and operations aimed at preventing, detecting or investigating criminal offences regarding illicit trafficking of goods, which fall within the cooperation between customs authorities under Article 87 TFEU and thus within the scope of the JCO Guide. The Council Legal Service pointed out that in some cases it is not easy to draw a clear line between objectives of administrative cooperation and objectives of police cooperation. As regards the joint customs operation SNAKE II, the Council Legal Service clarified that the objectives of this operation are of administrative cooperation and suggested a clarification of the formulation of one of the objectives.

7. Hybrid CoE

A representative from Hybrid CoE gave a presentation on the activities of the centre.

8. Future EMPACT activities - EXCISE OAP and MTIC OAP

Europol gave a presentation on future EMPACT activities.

9. State of play of operation Columbus III

The Portuguese delegation gave a presentation of the state of play of Columbus III.

10. Any other business

A representative of the Commission gave a brief presentation of the 2nd expert meeting on drugs - Fight against Cocaine trafficking which will be held on 27 November 2019.