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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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To: Delegations

Subject: DAPIX (Friends of Presidency) - Interoperability of EU information systems

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Party adopted the agenda of the meeting as set out in CM 4569/17.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency notified the delegations that the European Parliament adopted the Regulation on the Entry/Exit System. The Chair also informed delegations that the law enforcement access conditions as set out in the EES Regulation could serve as a model for the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS), Eurodac, and possibly Visa Information System (VIS) in the context of the upcoming revision of the VIS Regulation.

3. Information from the Commission

Delegations took note of the presentation by the Commission concerning the results of the public consultation on the future interoperability proposal. The Commission received 17 responses out of which 16 were generally positive. The overview of the received comments will be included in the impact assessment, which will accompany the legislative proposal on interoperability, scheduled for the adoption by the College on 12 December 2017. The Commission also referred to consultations with the European Data Protection Supervisor regarding interoperability.

4. Information by Europol

Delegations took note of the presentation by Europol regarding the ongoing Quest (Querying Europol Systems) project, which in the first phase will allow law enforcement officers to search Europol data for persons and firearms. A pilot phase will be conducted in six Member States by the end of March 2018. Deployment to all Member States is scheduled at the end of 2018.

Europol also referred to other projects which should facilitate interoperability and information exchange: development of (semi) automatic data loaders for Member States for bulk data sharing, participation in further development of the Universal Messaging Format (UMF), expansion of the use of the Secure Information Exchange Network Application (SIENA).

As regards access of Europol to EU large-scale information systems in the JHA area, delegations were informed that access to SIS has already been implemented, whereas access to VIS is expected to be in place in 2018 and access to Eurodac – after the ongoing review of the Eurodac Regulation has been completed.

5. Updating the Roadmap to enhance information exchange and information management in line with the Council Conclusions on interoperability of 8 June 2017

The Presidency presented an updated version of the Roadmap as set out in 12223/1/17 REV 1, revised to include written comments received from delegations. Six delegations shared additional comments during the meeting.

The Presidency requested delegations to send further comments in writing by 6 November 2017, in view of submitting the final version of the updated Roadmap for endorsement by the Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI) and then by Coreper and the Council on 7 December 2017.

6. Interoperability at national level in Estonia

Delegations took note of the presentation by the Presidency of an overview of interoperability of national information systems in Estonia, focusing in particular on good practices and ways to ensure data integrity and transparency.

7. Any other business

No points were raised under AOB.