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From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 16 January 2020
To: Terrorism Working Party (TWP)
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted, as set out in CM 1047/20.

2. Information by the Presidency

The Presidency briefly informed about the tentative calendar and the state of play of the negotiations of the proposal for a Regulation on preventing the dissemination of terrorist content online.

3. Threats and challenges from the Western Balkans – Croatian perspective

Delegates took note of the presentation by the Croatian Security Intelligence Agency (*EU CONFIDENTIAL/UE CONFIDENTIEL*)

4. Firearms Smuggling from the Western Balkans – possible relation to terrorist activities

Delegates took note of the presentation by the Croatian Organised Crime Service regarding the use of weapons from Western Balkans in terrorist attacks in Europe, highlighting the significant number of weapons seized in recent years and the importance of reinforcing control at the external borders of the EU as well as on the Dark Web.

5. Information and update on Europol's activities with regard to the SIS II project and on Europol's cooperation and activities with the Western Balkan partners

Delegates took note of the presentation by Europol on the SIS II project. In line with the conclusion from the CTPB (counter terrorism programme board) concerning the insertion and sharing of SIS II hits from Third Parties, in particular Western Balkans. The Czech Republic volunteered to insert and create alerts according to the Article 36(3) of the SIS II based on the lists of FTFs. The test phase started in July 2019. The results are positive and will be presented at the next CTPB in April.

Delegates took note of the presentation by Europol on Europol's cooperation and activities with the Western Balkan partners. Europol has conducted several capacity building activities in benefit of WB partners at Europol and also in the WB region, multiple activities are planned in the coming months.

6. Strengthening information exchange with the Western Balkan partners - in particular on foreign terrorist fighters from the Western Balkans

Delegates took note of the presentation by Czechia, on the aforementioned pilot project to insert and create alerts according to the Art. 36(3) in the SIS II based on the lists of foreign terrorist fighter (FTFs).

7. Follow-up to DG HOME's meeting of 15 November 2019 on border security measures related to foreign terrorist fighters: feedback on Member States' practices (based on replies from the Member States)

Delegates took note of the presentation by the Commission on the results of the analysis of Member States' practices regarding the use of border management tools to manage the threat by returning FTFs.

8. Recent counter-terrorism (CT) and CVE (countering violent extremism)-related developments

Four Member States shared information on CT and CVE developments.

9. Information on activities related to CT and CVE

The Commission mentioned:

- The circulation to Member States of a questionnaire about a voluntary scheme for standardisation of detection equipment for public spaces.

EEAS mentioned:

- Conference of the Office of the EU Special Representative to Yemen East held on 11-12 December 2019 in Amman, Jordan.
- EEAS mission to the United Arab Emirates in Abu Dhabi, which included CT and CVE topics, on 15-19 December 2019.
- Fourth Annual CT/Security Experts' Seminar held on 8-10 January 2020.

Europol mentioned:

- The ECTC annual review held on 10 December 2019.

10. AOB

Delegates took note of the presentation by Slovenia of the Conclusions of the Counter Terrorism Initiative (CTI) meeting held in Ljubljana in November 2019.