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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

Of : Police Cooperation Working Party
On : 4 March 2009
Subject : Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda set out in CM 899/1/09 was adopted with the addition of an information point by the FI delegation under the point "Any other business".

2. Safer Internet - Protection of Children

doc. 5326/3/09 REV 3 ENFOPOL 10 AUDIO 2 TELECOM 4 JEUN 4 EDUC 4 CONSOM 4

The Presidency noted that delegations agreed on the draft Prague Declaration as set out in doc. 5326/3/09 REV 3, subject to some minor amendments. The revised draft declaration will be submitted for information to the Audio-Visual Working Party on 13 March 2009. The Ministerial Conference on "A new European approach for a safer Internet for children", which will be held on 20 April 2009 in Prague, is expected to adopt this draft declaration. The Article 36 Committee will be informed about the outcome of the Conference. Invitation letters for this Conference were already sent to Member States and other countries concerned.

3. Evaluation of the implementation of the Council Recommendation of 27 April 2006 on the drawing up of agreements between police, customs and other specialised law enforcement services in relation to the prevention and combating of crime
doc. 5827/1/09 REV 1 ENFOPOL 27 ENFOCUSTOM 20

The Presidency presented a revised draft of the evaluation report on the implementation of the above-mentioned recommendation, based on the outcome of discussions in both the Customs Cooperation Working Party and the Police Cooperation Working Party and the written comments received from delegations (doc. 5827/1/09).

The FI and PT delegations made some small remarks on the draft document which will be incorporated in a new version of the evaluation report (doc. 5827/2/09) to be submitted to the joint CCWP-PCWP meeting on 5 March for agreement.

4. PCWP involvement to cooperation within the coordination mechanism
doc. 6956/1/09 REV 1 ENFOPOL 45 ENFOCUSTOM 31

Following earlier discussions, in the joint meeting PCWP - CCWP on 17 December 2008 and in the coordination mechanism meeting on 29 January 2009 on broadening the scope of the cooperation mechanism beyond COSPOL operations, the Presidency drafted guidelines on an ad hoc involvement of the PCWP in the coordination mechanism (doc. 6956/1/09). Considering that only large scale operations carried out within the context of the PCWP could be included in the coordination mechanism and that only a limited number of large scale police operations take place in the PCWP framework, the Presidency suggested that the PCWP should only be involved on an ad hoc basis.

Delegations were invited to send their comments in writing by 31 March 2009.

5. Improving exchange of information on violent offenders active internationally

doc. 5450/1/09 REV 1 ENFOPOL 12 SIRIS 12

The Presidency presented a revised draft analysis of the information exchange on violent offenders based on the replies received from 25 Member States. This analysis lists three options for continuing or finalising the discussions, as set out in doc. 5450/1/09.

No agreement could be reached on any of these options. Whereas some Member States preferred consulting the football experts, noting however that this issue is not limited to football events, other Member States preferred not to pursue the discussions. The option of bringing the file to CATS was considered as premature.

The Presidency concluded that it will prepare a new discussion paper for the next meeting. In this paper the Presidency will, as a first step, clarify the various categories of violent troublemakers with a view to defining this concept. The DE delegation volunteered to assist the Presidency in this exercise. As a second step, the Presidency will examine the mechanisms for the exchange of the information. It will, in this respect, consult the football experts and the contact points for public order.

6. Implementation Prüm: presentation by the NL delegation

doc. 6935/09 ENFOPOL 44 ENFOCUSTOM 30

The NL delegate, as Chairperson of the Technical Working Group under the Prüm Treaty, presented a reflection paper on the implementation of the Prüm Council Decision 2008/615/JHA and the relationship between the Prüm Council Decision and the Prüm Treaty (doc. 6935/09 ENFOPOL 44 CRIMORG 30).

Various delegations welcomed the NL paper and supported having a discussion on the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Prüm Decision. Considering the complex nature of this issue, some delegations needed further internal consultations and entered a scrutiny reservation. Some delegations pointed out that the discussions on the implementation or interpretation of the Prüm Treaty should not take place in a Council Working Party.

The Presidency invited Member States to send their comments on the NL paper by 20 March 2009. Based on these comments, the Presidency will reflect, in close consultation with the NL delegation, on any further steps to be taken.

7. Road Safety

a. Motor Sports Events on Public Roads: Illegal Motor Races – DE presentation

The DE delegation gave a presentation of the problems and characteristics of illegal motor races on public roads. It also presented an overview of Member States' replies on the questionnaire illegal motor races (15409/08 + COR 1).

b. Type Project on tackling illegal motor races – CZ presentation

The Presidency presented a CZ project on tackling illegal motor races. This project, elaborated by the Czech Police, is to be deployed in case illegal motor races take place on Czech territory.

c. Draft Council Recommendation on tackling illegal motor races

doc. 6901/09 CRIMORG 29 ENFOPOL 43 TRANS 82

Delegations discussed a Presidency proposal for a draft Council Recommendation on tackling illegal motor races. The Presidency clarified that its proposal aims at enhancing the operational cooperation between Member States by a better exchange of information and by exchanging best practices.

The NL and DE delegations entered a scrutiny reservation.

Following the discussions, the Presidency agreed to a ES suggestion to add a paragraph on using a list of contact points in the draft Recommendation. It pointed out that this list should be as operational as possible without establishing a new network of contact points. Some delegations suggested using the list of contact points for public order.

The Presidency concluded by inviting delegations to send their comments by 20 March 2009.

d. Electronic Accident Maps – CZ presentation

The Presidency informed delegations about a GPS system currently used by the Czech Police for locating the sites of traffic accidents.

8. Any other business

The FI delegation suggested that the National Football Information Points could also be used to exchange information regarding international ice-hockey matches.

The Presidency supported the FI suggestion and will invite the major sports events experts to discuss this suggestion at their forthcoming meeting on 7 May 2009.

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The following documents were made available during the meeting:

- Czech presentation of the project "Illegal motor races"
- Czech presentation "locating the sites of traffic accidents"
- Decreasing spectator violence in ice-hockey matches with an international dimension
- Information from Germany on Motor Sports Events on Public Roads : Illegal Motor Races
- Austrian comments on the Prüm Treaty - Prüm Council Decision