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From: Polish Presidency
To: Law Enforcement Working Party
Subject: Proposal for a Joint Police Operation EUROCAR

Delegations will find below the proposal for a Joint Police Operation EUROCAR, prepared on the basis of the guidelines set out in the Guide for Joint Police Operations (JPOs) (doc. 16825/10 ENFOPOL 343 JAI 995 COSI 76).

The LEWP is invited to approve this proposal.

1. Introduction

Experience and information coming from Member States' law enforcement services indicate that the vehicle-related crimes have the characteristics of organised crime with an international dimension. Due to easy mobility between countries, long distances no longer cause problems for the perpetrators, therefore stolen cars are often transported not only between Member States but also outside the EU. Individual Member States, especially those with external EU borders, are not only destination countries, but are also becoming transit countries for stolen vehicles. This was proven by the results of various national and international operations, including JPO AUTOMOTOR, in which 219 stolen vehicles of value exceeding 2 million euro were seized.

2. Justification and description of the Joint Police Operation

Bearing in mind the results of the previous JPOs and the recommendation set out in the final report of JPO AUTOMOTOR, approved by the LEWP (doc. 10713/11 ENFOPOL 172 TRANS 164), further actions should be taken at the European level in the fight against vehicle-related crime. Therefore the Polish Presidency proposes to organise a JPO EUROCAR. This operation is going to be organised during two days in September 2011.

The purpose of this operation is combating and suppressing cross-border vehicle-related criminal activities by performing intensified vehicle controls (for detecting legality of origin) on access roads to the borders of Member States, on maritime borders (especially in southern and eastern directions), controls of market trading in used vehicles and their parts.

The operation could also serve the purpose of identifying vehicle drivers travelling outside the EU, and making use of this information in case of subsequent reporting of stolen cars by vehicle owners which may be related to possible car insurance fraud.

Apart from law enforcement services of Member States, international organisations and EU agencies such as Interpol, Europol and FRONTEX are invited to participate in this operation.

3. Forecast costs of the JPO

Participating states, agencies and organisations shall cover their own costs of organising this JPO within their capacity.

4. Reporting procedure

The contact points in the respective participating states, agencies and organisations will receive the forms to fill in with the results of the operation. Also, every participating state should prepare an evaluation of the operation results. Within 30 days after the operation, this evaluation report shall be sent to the coordinator in the Polish National Police Headquarters for further analysis.

Based on the information provided in the forms and the national evaluation reports mentioned above the summary of the results of the operation will be prepared by the Presidency. The final report with relevant recommendations will be submitted to the LEWP for approval.

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