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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of:	Police Cooperation Working Party
on:	9 June 2010
Subject:	Summary of discussions

POLICE COOPERATION WORKING PARTY - MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda set out in CM 3292/10 with the addition of an information point by the BE delegation.

2. Rapid border control systems at airports: Presentation by the Spanish delegation

The ES delegation presented the automated border control systems which are currently used at the airports of Madrid and Barcelona during a 6-month pilot project. The border control systems can be used by EU citizens older than 18 years who carry an electronic passport and by Spanish citizens carrying an electronic ID card.

3. Other business

The BE delegation briefly referred to the COMIX relevant points of its work programme for the coming six months i.e. the organisation of a conference of the management services of EU Liaison Officers (LO) on 12 July and the further development of the Police and Customs Cooperation Centres (PCCCs). The meeting dates would provisionally be: 9 July, 12 July (LO meeting), 14-15 September, 21-22 October, 16-17 November, 21 December 2010.

POLICE COOPERATION WORKING PARTY

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2. Interpol European Regional Conference (Budva, May 2010) and Interpol Strategy for the European Region: Presentation by Interpol

An Interpol representative presented the main results of the Interpol European Regional Conference which was held in Budva (Montenegro) between 26-28 May 2010. Particular reference was made to the Interpol Strategy for the European Region which would be submitted to the General Assembly in November 2010 for endorsement.

The SI delegation underlined the importance of strengthening the cooperation between the EU and Interpol which was also mentioned in the Stockholm Programme.

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3. Knowledge management

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The Presidency presented the possible concepts and methods for a Knowledge Management System which was elaborated by the Spanish Institute for Forensic and Security Sciences and gave an example of a practical application of knowledge management regarding violence against women.

Representatives from Europol and CEPOL gave a joint presentation of the activities that both CEPOL and Europol are currently carrying out regarding knowledge management. They indicated that although their current systems did not yet fully comply with the ideas formulated by the Spanish Presidency they could be amended as appropriate in order to comply with the demands.

Various delegations welcomed the idea of a knowledge management system but indicated that they preferred using the existing structures within Europol and CEPOL and improving them where needed.

The BE delegation indicated that it will, on the basis of the information provided by Europol and CEPOL, contact the Spanish Presidency to discuss how to continue these discussions under BE Presidency.

4. Safety and bullying in schools in Spain: Presentation by Spain

The ES delegation informed delegations about the objectives and action lines of the master plans which Spain has developed over recent years regarding safety and bullying in schools.

Following a suggestion from the UK delegation, the Presidency envisaged to make this information available for the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) and invited other Member States that have initiated similar initiatives to do the same.

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5. Exchange of ballistic data: Letter to ENFSI

The Presidency noted that the meeting agreed to send a letter to ENFSI (doc. 11503/10 ENFOPOL 182) inviting ENFSI to consider the need and possibilities to develop parameters for a ballistic data structure in order to provide the EU with comparable and equivalent data and to study the possibility amongst others of having an automated system.

6. Information on the organisation of the 5th MOBIDIG Workshop (Madrid, 8 June)

The MOBIDIG Chair informed the meeting of the results of the 5th MOBIDIG Workshop which was held on 8 June in Madrid. Besides national presentations and exchanging information about ongoing national pilot-projects, discussions were focused on the strategy, technical specifications and the mapping of pilot-projects regarding mobile devices. The main conclusions of the workshop were presented and the PCWP was invited to consider the possibility of giving MOBIDIG the status of an expert group. Meanwhile, MOBIDIG committed to regularly report its results to the PCWP as well as to submit some documents, such as a form for the inventory of national pilot-projects concerning the use of mobile devices and discussion papers on the strategy to be pursued and technical requirements. The next MOBIDIG Workshop is foreseen in October 2010.

7. Information from the Presidency:

- Results of the ATLAS network exercises held in France from 25-28 May

The FR delegation recalled the background and structure of the ATLAS network and reported on the outcome of the ATLAS exercises which were held in France from 25 to 28 May 2010.

32 units participated in these exercises whereby 4 exercise groups were set up. The next exercise is planned to take place in 2011 if a Member State is willing to organise the event.

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- Information concerning the next meeting of experts from the European Network for the protection of public figures, scheduled for 17 June and the next meeting of Radio Communications Experts on 18 June.

The Presidency asked delegations that were not able to participate in the above-mentioned experts meetings to inform the Presidency in due time.

8. Troublemakers' travel movements and EPRIS: Presentation by the Commission

A Commission representative informed the meeting of the results of the Commission pre-study regarding the exchange of information on travelling violent offenders between Member States' competent authorities. Particular reference was made to difficulties in defining the concept of "violent travelling offender" in the different Member States and to the type of information exchange that currently exists between Member States. Based on Member States' contributions to the Commission questionnaire, the Commission suggested including the topic of "violent travelling offender" in the discussions on the European Police Records Index System (EPRIS). It will report the findings on the EPRIS pre-study to the Ad hoc Information Exchange Group on 22 June 2010.

Both the DE and FR delegations preferred to examine in greater detail the Commission suggestion. DE would submit its comments in writing.

9. Draft Council Decision concerning the Europol pension fund: Presentation by Europol 10357/10 EUROPOL 22

The Presidency clarified the reason for discussing Europol issues in the framework of the Police Cooperation Working Party and drew delegations' attention to the fact that the Police Cooperation Working Party and the Europol Working Party will be merged into one single working party, the so-called "Law Enforcement Working Party", as of 1 July 2010.

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A Europol representative introduced the proposal for a draft Council Decision concerning the Europol pension fund, as set out in doc. 10357/1/10 REV 1 EUROPOL 22, which was agreed by the Europol Management Board. He pointed out that this revised version included the correct draft of Article 12b as approved by the Europol Management Board.

The Council Legal Service expressed some serious concerns regarding both the formal presentation of the proposal and its legal viability.

The FR and UK delegations entered a Parliamentary reservation.

The Presidency concluded the discussions by inviting Europol to submit to the next meeting of the Law Enforcement Working Party an explanatory note setting out the legal arguments for the proposal as well as an impact assessment of the effects of the proposal for the Community budget.

10. The Belgian Presidency's work programme: Presentation by Belgium

The Belgian delegation introduced the main elements of its work programme for the second semester of 2010. Particular attention will be given to i.a. the setting up of a Fugitive Active Search Teams (FAST) - network, the setting up of an AIRPOL network, the AUGIAS project, the role of the Police and Customs Cooperation Centres, the pictogrammes used by the private security, the organisation of some special operations (e.g. operation HERMES) as well as the continuation of the activities of the various expert groups. The incoming BE Presidency would also ensure the followup of some files initiated under ES Presidency and discuss the Europol related issues.

11. Other business

No items were raised.

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The following documents was made available during the meeting:

- ES presentation automated border crossing systems
- Presentation Europol CEPOL Knowledge Management
- Presentation GESI Practical application Knowledge Management
- Results of the Commission pre-study on the needs, requirements and added value of increased exchange of information on travelling violent offenders between Member States' competent authorities

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