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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations

Subject: EU-US Justice and Home Affairs dialogue
- Senior Officials Meeting (videoconference, 14 - 15 April 2021)

Delegations will find attached the draft agenda of the above-mentioned meeting.

**EU - US Senior Officials Meeting on
Justice and Home Affairs (VTC)
14 and 15 April 2021**

DRAFT AGENDA (17.03.21)

Day 1

1. Expanding cooperation against terrorism and other security threats

a) *Counterterrorism priorities and information sharing*

Focus on: overall assessment of CT threats priorities; cooperation among agencies; use of battlefield information; next steps for cooperation on PNR

b) *Cooperation against racially-motivated violent extremism and radicalisation*

Focus on: assessment of the challenges; online propaganda and hate speech; use of online gaming and algorithm amplification by extremist groups; update on ongoing initiatives and proposals for follow-up initiatives

c) *Countering child exploitation and child sexual abuse*

Focus on: discussion of respective strategies to address the phenomenon; identification of areas for joint work

2. Mobility, migration and visa policy

a) *Enhancing cooperation on migration issues*

Focus on: areas for renewed cooperation at bilateral and global levels, including resettlement; cooperation against migrant smuggling in key transit countries; return/readmission policies and tools

b) Mobility challenges under the Covid-19 pandemic

Focus on: cooperation and consultations on COVID-related travel issues, including a possible vaccine certificate

c) Visa policy

Focus on: update on progress towards full visa reciprocity

3. Promoting democratic values and practices

a) Promotion of resilient democratic processes

Focus on: exchanges of best practices and relevant information on the resilience of democratic processes, and exploring joint EU-US efforts to promote strengthening of democratic systems, and free and fair elections internationally;

b) Countering disinformation and interference

Focus on: best practices in tackling foreign influence and manipulation of the electorate

Day 2

1. Working together for a more secure cyberspace

a) International instruments to fight cybercrime

Focus on: updates on the negotiations for the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention and the UN processes, prospects for joint initiatives

b) *Cross border access to electronic evidence*

Focus on: update on relevant developments, including EU legislation and possible next steps in the negotiation of the EU-US agreement

c) *Responsibility of online platforms*

Focus on: exchange on recent policy and legislative developments

d) *Challenges related to encryption and lawful interception*

Focus on: Presidency to present recent Council Resolution

2. Enhancing cooperation on justice issues

a) *Judicial cooperation in criminal matters (MLA and extradition)*

Focus on: set-up of experts group on MLA and extradition agreements and EPPO

b) *Advancements towards a more digital justice*

Focus on: exchange of best practices and recent reforms concerning digital justice

c) *Data protection and law enforcement cooperation: review of the EU-US Umbrella Agreement/DPPA*

Focus on: exchanges on the review process

3. Presentation of the priorities of the incoming Slovenian Presidency in the area of Justice and Home Affairs