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## **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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From: Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) - Mixed Committee  
(EU-Iceland/Norway/Switzerland/Liechtenstein)

On: 12 July 2016

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Subject: Summary of discussions

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### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda as set out in CM 3247/1/16 REV 1 was adopted, with the addition of two items under AOB.

### **2. Report by the Presidency**

The Presidency reported on the relevant issues addressed at different meetings, including:

- the Council meeting of 6 June 2016, which adopted a proposal for a Council recommendation addressing the deficiencies identified in the evaluation of Belgium's application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the Schengen Information System;
- the Council meeting of 9-10 June 2016, which endorsed amending budget No 1 for the installation and the functioning of the communication infrastructure for the Schengen environment (SISNET) for 2016 (9282/16);

- the Working Party for Schengen Matters (Evaluation) meeting of 20 June 2016, which agreed on a proposal for a Council recommendation addressing the deficiencies identified in the evaluation of the Netherlands' application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the Schengen Information System;
- the Frontiers Working Party meeting of 23 June 2016, which concluded the examination of the Presidency compromise text on the Regulation amending the Schengen Borders Code with regard to the use of the Entry/Exit System (EES);
- the COREPER meeting of 30 June 2016 which: adopted a proposal for a Council recommendation addressing the deficiencies identified in the evaluation of the Netherlands' application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the Schengen Information System; endorsed the Terms of Reference for the Coordination Mechanism for the implementation of EU and UN sanctions, set out in 10441/16; and approved the compromise draft of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004, Regulation (EC) No 863/2007 and Council Decision 2005/267/EC;
- the informal JHA Ministerial meeting which took place in Bratislava on 7 July 2016. The Home Affairs part was dedicated to several topical issues, including migration and borders. The Ministers discussed how to approach the common challenges of the European Asylum Policy and the adequacy of the Schengen Borders Code. Also on the table was solidarity within the Common European Asylum System.

### **3. SISNET Accounts 2015: Court of Auditors' report and discharge budget 2015**

The WP took note of the report of the Court of Auditors as set out in 7543/16 SIRIS 59 VISA 89 COMIX 259 ADD 1 and agreed to give a discharge to the Secretary-General in respect of the SISNET accounts for the year 2015. A I/A Item Note would be submitted soon to COREPER and the Council for adoption.

**4. Strengthening the SIRENE Cooperation in the field of missing persons**

The Presidency presented 11030/16 SIRIS 110 JUSTCIV 188 COMIX 509 and asked the delegations to submit contributions by 30 September 2016.

**5. Information from the missing persons conference in Amsterdam**

NL took the floor to give to the WP a summary of the work carried out during the Conference on Missing Persons that took place on 25 May 2016. This conference was organised in the context of the NL Presidency's missing persons initiative and saw the participation of representatives from 25 Member States, associated countries, and from the European Commission, INTERPOL and NGOs in the field of missing persons.

Delegations took note of the presentation and had an exchange of views on the matter.

**6. Enhancing the fight against terrorism in the context of the changes that will be proposed to the SIS II legal basis**

The Presidency presented 11088/16 SIRIS 112 COMIX 515 and asked delegations to submit contributions by 30 September 2016.

**7. Follow-up of the roadmap to enhance information exchange and information management including interoperability solutions in the Justice and Home Affairs area**

On the basis of 10945/16 SIRIS 106 COMIX 504 COSI 116 the Presidency initiated the debate on the implementation of specific actions of the roadmap to enhance information exchange and information management in the Justice and Home Affairs area (9368/1/16 REV 1 + COR 1).

The Working Party had an exchange of views concerning some of the actions. However, in order to obtain a clearer and more detailed overview of their implementation, the Presidency invited delegations to send in their comments by 31 of August 2016.

**8. Specific procedures on foreign fighters or serious offenders temporarily in place in Poland**

PL took the floor to ask the Working Party to provide information and asked for agreement to a temporary alteration of the procedure for information exchange in the event of hits on certain types of alerts. This alteration would be in place until 2 August 2016.

The majority of delegations agreed to the alteration. Those that were not in a position to give their agreement would contact PL bilaterally.

**9. Coordination mechanism for the implementation of EU and UN sanctions: state of play**

The GSC informed the Working Party that the Terms of Reference for the coordination mechanism for the implementation of EU and UN sanctions had been endorsed by COREPER, at its meeting of 30 June 2016. The Working Party took note of the information.

**10. Accession of Croatia to SIS II: state of play**

**a) Report by the eu-LISA**

The Working Party took note of the information provided by eu-LISA.

**b) Report by the delegation of Croatia**

The Working Party took note of the information provided by HR.

**11. Information on Heads of SIRENE meetings**

**a) Information on HoS in Netherlands**

The Working Party took note of the information provided by NL.

**b) Information on HoS in Slovakia**

The Working Party took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

## **12. SIS/SIRENE website**

At the request of CZ, the GSC confirmed the information provided previously, in the WP for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) meeting of 16 February 2016, regarding this issue.

## **13. AOB**

- The GSC reminded Member States to submit, in original, the financial identification form and the legal entity form in order to make it possible to proceed with the reimbursement of the remaining SISNET (VISION) budget.
- The Presidency expressed its intention to move forward on the issue raised by CZ concerning surrender (12038/1/16) and to coordinate internally as necessary with the Aviation WP and COPEN.

## **14. Confirmation by the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) of the decisions prepared in the Mixed Committee**

The GSC summarised the decisions taken.

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