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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council

On: 9 and 10 July 2015

To: Delegations

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda outlined in doc. CM 3260/15 with the addition of the following AOB points:

- Review of the Action Plan on Drugs 2013-2016;
- Initiatives related with UNGASS 2016.

2. Preparation for UNGASS 2016

The Presidency presented the draft EU contribution for the UNGASS outcome document to be prepared by the UNGASS Board (doc. DS 1360/15) and explained that the contribution should be submitted to the UNGASS Board through WEOG. Delegations examined the document and the Presidency proposed to have it finalised by 31 July 2015. The Presidency also encouraged the delegations to coordinate their comments with the relevant representatives in Vienna and New York and to submit all the comments through the HDG delegations.

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The delegations also examined the draft EU common position on UNGASS (doc. DS 1369/15), to be endorsed by COREPER before the 58th reconvened CND session in December 2015, and the deadline of 22 July 2015 was set for providing comments on this document.

3. Discussion on the draft Council conclusions on the implementation of the EU Action Plan on Drugs 2013-2016 regarding minimum quality standards in drug demand reduction in EU

The delegations examined the above-mentioned Council conclusions contained in doc. 10371/15 CORDROGUE 54 which were endorsed with a few amendments by the HDG and will be submitted to COREPER/Council for adoption.

4. Misuse of and dependence from prescribed medicines

The Presidency informed delegations about the proposed next steps in examining the abovementioned issue, explaining that the scope of the phenomenon would be addressed at the September HDG meeting.

5. Preparation for:

Technical Committee meeting of the EU/CELAC Mechanism on Drugs
 The Presidency informed delegations about the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 10 July 2015 (doc. CM 3214/15).

- EU-Russia expert meeting on drugs (poss. 8 October 2015)

The Presidency informed delegations about the preparations for the above-mentioned technical meeting possibly to be held on 8 October 2015.

6. Report on the EU-Central Asia dialogue on drugs

The LV delegation reported on the above-mentioned meeting held under the Latvian Presidency on 17 June 2015, the outcome of which is outlined in doc. 10482/15 CORDROGUE 55 COASI 92.

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7. Discussion on the draft legislation on new psychoactive substances: temporary ban

Delegations further discussed the possibility of introducing a temporary ban to tackle the most dangerous new psychoactive substances at the EU level under the legal basis of Article 83(1) TFEU. Delegations continued to have some concerns as regards the introduction of this emergency measure, notably that these were new substances on which little information was available to take evidence-based emergency decisions. The Presidency informed the meeting that a complete text of the draft legislation on new psychoactive substances would be provided for the discussion at the September HDG meeting.

8. AOB

- Review of the Action Plan on Drugs 2013-2016

The representative of the Commission encouraged the delegations who had not yet done so to send their replies to the questionnaire on the implementation of the above-mentioned action plan as soon as possible.

Initiatives related with UNGASS 2016

The NL delegation drew delegations' attention to several UNGASS 2016 related initiatives, including the forthcoming discussion on UNGASS at the WHO in January 2016, and encouraged delegations to involve their Geneva colleagues in the preparatory work for UNGASS 2016.

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