



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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CORDROGUE 94

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of : Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
on : 29 September 2006
Subject : Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in document CM 3095/06.

2. Amended Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing for the period 2007-2013 the specific programme "Drugs prevention and information" as part of the general programme "Fundamental Rights and Justice"

The meeting discussed the abovementioned programme on the basis of the document 13176/06 JAI 463 CADREFIN 275 CORDROGUE 86 CODEC 981. The result of the discussion is in document 14232/06 JAI 521 CADREFIN 295 CORDROGUE 95 CODEC 1141 (to issue). Following the meeting of the Presidency with the EP rapporteur, delegations will be informed about the EP position and possible amendments suggested by the EP.

3. Afghanistan

a) UNODC 2006 Afghanistan Opium Survey - information by the UK delegation

The UK delegation informed the meeting about the abovementioned survey. A room document outlining the key findings and their implications was distributed.

b) Implementation of the EU Action Oriented Paper

The UK delegation drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that by the end of 2006 the first progress report of the AOP should be submitted to the Council. Important activities were highlighted where additional assistance is needed such as support of capacity building of law enforcement agencies or of the countries along the trafficking route (for example through the UNODC Iran Counter Narcotics Border Management Project). The HDG should keep examining the matter at its next meetings.

c) Preparation for Troika meeting of 30 October (tbc)

The Presidency informed delegations that the final confirmation of the Troika meeting including the agenda will be communicated electronically after the Afghan delegation will have confirmed its participation at the meeting.

4. Matrix of Member States' drugs assistance to third countries including Afghanistan

At the HDG meeting of 10 July, the delegations were requested to submit to the Commission the names of their contact person to update the abovementioned Matrix. As the Commission representative reported, only several Member States had sent in their replies. Delegations that have not yet done so were invited to do so urgently (at Ana.Ruiz-Espin@ec.europa.eu), as the deadline for submission of contributions to the Matrix is 31 October 2006.

5. UNGASS assessment

a) Information by the Friends of the Chair

The UK delegation presented a paper drafted following the meeting of the Friends of the Chair. The document would serve as a basis for the development of the joint EU position on UNGASS assessment.

b) Information by the Commission

The representative of the Commission informed the meeting about the Commission project under the North South Budget Line 2006 the aim of which is to set up a group of experts that should contribute to the UNGASS assessment through a report to be submitted to UNODC. The group should operate in close coordination with the UNODC coordination group.

c) Information by the UNODC

The representative of UNODC informed the meeting about the state of play of preparations for UNGASS assessment.

The EU position on the UNGASS assessment would be further discussed at next HDG meetings. Delegations were invited to comment on the UK paper to the UK delegation before 20 October. On the basis of the comments, a new version of the EU position would be prepared for the HDG meeting on 31 October.

d) Paris Pact

In preparation for the meeting of the Paris Pact Consultative Policy Group on 10 November, the Commission representative proposed that a letter be sent to UNODC outlining the joint EU position. The draft letter would be circulated to delegations and, if agreed, sent to UNODC in advance of the meeting of 10 November.

6. Follow-up to the EU Conference on Partnerships between Stakeholders at Frontline level Responding to Drug Problems, 6-7 September 2006, Turku

The Presidency reported on the abovementioned conference. The Presidency conclusions of the conference circulated as a room document will be supplemented by a more extended report that will be placed on a website.

7. Green paper on civil society – Comment by the Presidency

The Presidency presented its position on the Green Paper and encouraged other Member States to submit their comments to the Commission.

8. Report of the EU/LAC Technical Committee meeting of 28 September

The Presidency reported on the abovementioned meeting. The outcome of proceedings is in document 14201/06 CORDROGUE 93 COLAT 23 AMLAT 86.

Regarding the review of the Panama Action Plan, the meeting agreed that a substantive discussion would take place at the next HDG meeting of 31 October. In the meantime, the Presidency will stay in contact with the co-presidency of Trinidad and Tobago as regards the date of the review conference.

The terms of reference of the group of consultants to contribute to the evaluation of the Panama Action Plan was made available by the Commission.

The meeting discussed the possible participation of delegations at the conference on shared responsibility organised by Colombia in London on 2 November 2006. The coordination will be further discussed in the margin of the meeting on 31 October 2006.

9. Report of the High Level Specialised Dialogue on Drugs between the EU and the Andean Community of 27 September

The Presidency reported on the abovementioned meeting.

10. Preparation for Troika meeting with Russia, 30 October

The Presidency distributed a draft agenda for the meeting and invited delegations to comment on it in writing before 20 October.

11. Preparation for the Expert Meeting with Russia on 13-14 November, Warsaw

The Polish delegation gave a presentation on the preparations for the abovementioned meeting the aim of which is to agree on actions to implement Stage 2 of the Possible actions to take forward agreed by the EU-Russia JHA Ministerial PPC on 13 October 2005.

12. First Annual Progress review of the EU Action Plan on Drugs

Delegations that had not yet done so were urged by the Commission to forward their contributions for the annual progress review.

13. Commission's programming intentions for the use of the North/South Drugs budget line for 2006 and state of implementation of initiatives under the 2005 budget

This item of the agenda will be dealt with at the meeting of 31 October 2006.

**14. Report of the Central Dublin Group meeting of 12 July
(doc. 12058/06 CORDROGUE 78)**

This item of the agenda was not discussed by the Group.

15. Any Other Business

- a) **Conference on the creation of a Drugs Liaison Officers Network in Latin America and Caribbean in Bogotá, Colombia, November 2006 - information by Spain**
- b) **Intelligence Sharing Working Group, meeting on 17-18 October, Brazil - information by UK**

The Spanish and the UK delegations respectively informed the group on the aforementioned meetings.



The following documents were made available as room documents:

- EU Troika with Russian Federation - draft agenda
- Draft letter to UNODC on the Paris Pact
- Draft EU Position on Issues Relating to the Assessment of the Programme of Action Established by the 1998 UN General Assembly Special Session on Drugs (the UNGASS Process) and other related matters (UK)
- Moving Forward Together - EU Conference on Partnership between Stakeholders at Frontline Level Responding to Drug Problem - conclusions of the Finnish Presidency and speeches by Minister of Health of Finland and Minister of Interior of Finland
- Finland's comments on the Green Paper on Civil Society
- EC Thoughts on Launching an Assessment Group for the Panama Action Plan - Specific Terms of Reference (COM)
- Joint Expert Workshop "Combating the Threat of Illicit Drugs in the OSCE Area" - draft annotated agenda (BE)
- EU/LAC Intelligence Sharing Working Group (UK)
- Afghan drugs (UK)
- UNODC Iran Counter Narcotics Border Management Project: Request for Additional Funds (UK)