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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs

on: 7 November 2012

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda set out in document CM 5112/12 was approved with addition of the following points under AOB:

- The second European conference on drug supply indicators;
- 2012 Annual Report on the state of the drugs problem in Europe;
- Retirement of the UNODC Global Coordinator for HIV/AIDS;
- High level conference of the Pompidou group.

2. Information concerning the proceedings of other EU bodies

The Presidency informed the delegations about the compromise proposal on financing of the drugs policy in the Justice programme and the results of its discussion at the JHA counsellors meeting on 31 October 2012 (doc. 15199/12 JAI 718 CADREFIN 432 DROIPEN 145 COPEN 225 CATS 69 JUSTCIV 311 EJUSTICE 68 JURINFO 43 CORDROGUE 70 CODEC 2437)

Many delegations welcomed the Presidency proposal. However, a number of delegations questioned if drug-related actions to be included into the compromise proposal could in practice be funded given the restrictive legal basis of the Justice programme and requested a legal service explanation on this issue. The Presidency asked the delegations to coordinate nationally with the JHA counsellors so as to reach a compromise.

3. Discussion on the new EU Drugs Strategy 2013-2020

The delegations discussed the chapters on Drug demand reduction, Drug supply reduction, Coordination, International cooperation and Information, research, monitoring and evaluation of the draft EU Drugs Strategy 2013-2020 set out in doc. 12036/2/12 REV 2 JAI 639 CORDROGUE 52 SAN 205 JAIEX 71.

The delegations further provided comments on the draft Strategy and discussed different terms to be used in the Strategy as well as whether specific listings should be included in the Action plan and the Strategy should remain a more general document. One delegation proposed including a new paragraph dedicated to the ongoing EU work to develop drug supply indicators and SE and DE entered scrutiny reservations on some paragraphs of the draft Strategy.

4. Report on the Multi-country Workshop on “Drug Prevention and monitoring: situation and perspectives in the Southern Partnership countries”

The representative of the Commission and of EMCDDA reported on the above-mentioned meeting held in Cyprus on 14-16 October 2012 and organised by the Commission and EMCCDA through the support of the TAIEX programme. The speakers noted that the event was a success and that Southern partnership countries expressed an interest to improve cooperation with the EU and to learn from the EU experience in dealing with drug-related issues.

5. Report on the High Level Specialised Dialogue on Drugs between the EU and the Andean Community in Quito

The Presidency reported on the above-mentioned high level meeting held in Quito on 30-31 October 2012 and the joint communication adopted during it (doc. 16256/12 CORDROGUE 86 COLAT 56 AMLAT 69). The speaker noted that the Andean Community stressed the need to continue and to strengthen the EU-Andean Community dialogue on drugs between the high level meetings, possibly by organising video-conferences. During the meeting positive views were exchanged on the implementation of the EU funded programmes in the region and among other issues, the new Andean Community antidrug strategy was presented and the Colombian delegation gave an overview of the initiative to establish the Andean drug training centre.

The ES delegation noted that the Andean Community was not only interested in some form of follow-up to this dialogue, but would also like to have a working mechanism, similar to that of EU-CELAC, established between the EU and the Andean Community.

6. Preparation for the EU-US dialogue on drugs

The Presidency presented the agenda of the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 9 November 2012 (see doc. CM 5048/12).

7. Preparation for the EU-Brazil dialogue on drugs

The Presidency informed the delegates about the request of the Brazilian delegation to postpone the meeting planned on 20 November 2012 due to the unexpected unavailability of the high level delegate to chair the first EU-Brazil dialogue on drugs. After a long discussion an agreement was reached to propose to Brazil to organise an expert level meeting on 20 November 2012 and a high-level meeting in the future.

8. Bolivian re-accession to the 1961 UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs

The delegations further discussed the above-mentioned issue and some delegations reported on the meetings held in their capitals with the high level Bolivian delegation, also mentioning that a question of publishing the study on the Bolivian coca leaf had been raised. Some delegations mentioned that having the results of this study would be crucial for taking the decision on Bolivian re-accession to the Single Convention.

In reply to the question if accession to the Single Convention could be a condition to Bolivia's eligibility to receive the EU's development aid, the representative of the Commission informed the delegates that there was no such conditionality foreseen neither in the Country Strategy Paper and National Indicative Paper for Bolivia, nor in the action fiches of anti-drug programmes that are subject to a financing decision by the Commission. The representative of the EEAS informed the meeting about the forthcoming visit of the Bolivian foreign affairs minister to Brussels. Some delegations insisted on raising a question during this meeting on the deadline of publishing the study on the Bolivian coca leaf and the reasons for the delay.

9. International Conference on Alternative Development

The delegations discussed about the forthcoming international conference on alternative development to be held in Lima on 15-16 November 2012 and exchanged views on the declaration to be adopted during the conference (doc. DS 1717/12 CORDROGUE AMLAT COLAT)

10. Any other business

- *Updating the list of national contact points on the transmission of samples of controlled substances*

The Presidency named the delegations which requested the updates concerning the above-mentioned list (doc. OJ 2010/C 31/01) and informed the meeting that an updated list would be published in the Official journal.

– ***The second European conference on drug supply indicators;***

The representative of the Commission reminded the delegates about the above-mentioned conference to be held on 22-23 November 2012 and highlighted that there were still places available.

– ***2012 Annual Report on the state of the drugs problem in Europe***

The representative of the EMCDDA informed the delegates that the above-mentioned report would be launched on 15 November 2012.

– ***Retirement of the UNODC Global Coordinator for HIV/AIDS***

The DE delegation raised an issue about the unclear UNODC plans after the forthcoming retirement of the UNODC Global Coordinator for HIV/AIDS in December and informed the meeting that a number of the Member States had signed a letter addressed to the Executive Director of the UNODC asking for clarification. The speaker stressed that it was important to make sure that an independent and experienced person was nominated for this position.

– ***High level conference of the Pompidou group***

The FR delegation informed the meeting that the Pompidou group would be holding a high level conference on 14 November 2012. The topic of the conference would be Internet to be discussed not only as a challenge for the spread of new psychoactive substances, but also as an instrument for drug prevention. During this event the drug prevention prize will be awarded and new states will become members of the Pompidou group.
