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NOTE

From:	Spanish delegation
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Mandate for Action 11.11 "Trafficking of cocaine in maritime consignments"

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Delegations will find in Annex the final mandate for action 11.11 'Trafficking of cocaine in maritime consignments' validated by the Law Enforcement Working Party (Customs) on 16 March 2022.

Mandate**Action 11.11 Trafficking of cocaine in maritime consignments**

Reference: 11.11

Objective: Improvement of customs capacities to prevent illicit trafficking of cocaine in maritime consignments. Due to the high impact on maritime containers, this action will focus on them.

Rationale: Cocaine trafficking has been identified in the EU SOCTA 2021 and the LEWP-C Situational Awareness Paper (10363/1/21 ENFOCUSTOM 105 REV 1) as one of the main threats to the EU.

This action is in line with the EU Drugs Strategy 2021-2025, which was adopted by the Council in December 2020¹.

Action 11.11 on cocaine trafficking is directly linked to:

- public health concerns
- security issues
- the structuring of criminal organisations and their financial gains from trafficking.

Focus: This action will be carried out by experts' meetings in which:

- the situation will be reviewed, in order to identify the main threats, trends, modi operandi and best practices;
- experts will share the tools which Member States have at their disposal to tackle cocaine maritime consignments;
- an exchange of current control practices and difficulties encountered will take place;
- the activities will be finalised with a joint operation in coordination with EMPACT OAP Cocaine, Cannabis, Heroin (CCH).

¹ Council conclusions on the EU Drugs Strategy 2021-2025, 14178/20, 18 December 2020.

Outcome:

Provide a clear picture of the situation in the EU.

Raise awareness of the issue within the EU.

Exchange of good practices among the experts.

Recommendations in order to improve the fight against the illicit trafficking of cocaine.

Activities:

- Analysis of the current situation
- Meeting with participants
- Joint operation coordinated with EMPACT OAP CCH
- Final report and recommendations

Other policy areas:

Commission services (DG HOME, TAXUD)

JHA Agencies (Europol, Frontex)

Links to EMPACT OAP Cocaine, Cannabis, Heroin (CCH)

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Possible links to action 11.10 (abuse of maritime shipping - sea containers) will be explored.

Leader: Spain

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Co-leader: Portugal

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Time/planning:	To be determined
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Implementation via EMPACT OAP:	The inclusion of the joint operation in the OAP CCH for 2023 will be proposed.
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