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NOTE

from : General Secretariat of the Council
to : Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
Subject : Summary of discussions of the Technical Committee of EU/LAC Mechanism on Drugs (Brussels, 12 February 2007)

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting, co-chaired by the German Presidency of the EU and by Trinidad & Tobago, adopted the agenda set out in document CM 497/07 with the addition of an information item by the EU Presidency concerning the preparations for CND 2007.

2. Preparation of the meeting in Cartagena, Colombia

a) Organisational questions:

- 1) Confirmation of the EU and LAC co-chairs for the proposed working groups**
- 2) Confirmed participants**
- 3) Logistics**

The Colombian delegation informed the meeting on the organisational aspects of the meeting in Cartagena and introduced a room document listing all details including the agenda. Delegates who will participate at the meeting were invited to register as soon as possible.

Both the EU and the LAC side announced the co-chairs of the three working groups.

b) Matters of content:

- 1) Scope of review**
- 2) Deliverables**

Both the EU and the LAC side agreed that at the meeting in Cartagena the foundations for the review process of the Panama Action Plan should be agreed upon. The meeting should look at the priorities that would be in the interest of all. It was also agreed that the priorities should be streamlined and addressed in a more effective manner.

The High Level meeting in Port of Spain in May 2007 would bring the reflection process to an end by endorsing the revised priorities of the Panama Action Plan.

The EU Presidency offered to host further preparatory Technical Committee meetings between Cartagena and Port of Spain meetings in order to further develop the process and prepare for its finalisation properly.

It will be explored whether preparatory meetings will be held in the margin of the forthcoming CND session on 12-16 March in Vienna.

3. Information about the High Level Meeting in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

The EU Presidency confirmed that 22-23 May 2007 suggested by Trinidad and Tobago as the dates for the High Level meeting in Port of Spain are convenient for the EU side.

The LAC co-chair informed that the meeting will take place in the Hilton Hotel. Further information will follow in due course.

4. Stability Instrument - information by the Commission

The representative of the Commission introduced the general concept of the recently created Stability Instrument (OJ L 327, 24.11.2006 p. 1) that replaced the relevant Community budget lines.

5. Any other business

In preparation for the 50th session of CND, the German Presidency informed the LAC side that a resolution on drug laboratories was agreed by HDG and would be submitted as a joint EU resolution. The text of the draft resolution would be forwarded to the LAC side. The LAC co-chair said he was not aware of any resolutions to be submitted by the LAC.
