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Subject: Summary of discussions

MEETING OF EXPERTS FOR MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 1929/1/11 REV 1.

2. The Action Plan implementing the 2011-2013 EU Work Programme on minimising safety, security and public order risks in connection with sports events, in particular football matches, with an international dimension

The UK delegation presented the draft Action Plan (doc. 7315/11 ENFOPOL 49) which sets out 46 actions in 17 thematic areas aiming to implement the 2011-2013 EU Work Programme on minimising safety, security and public order risks in connection with sports events, in particular football matches, with an international dimension, approved by the Council on 2-3 December 2010.

The meeting approved the proposed draft Action Plan and agreed to forward it to the LEWP.

3. Recommendations for hosting major football and other sports events, in particular tournaments with more than one organising country

The AT delegation presented the draft Council Resolution concerning recommendations for hosting major football and other sports events, in particular tournaments with more than one organising country (doc. 7316/11 ENFOPOL 50). The Presidency explained that it considered it more useful to adopt this handbook as a separate document, but that it could be merged with the "Football Handbook" in the future.

The meeting approved the proposed draft Council Resolution and agreed to forward it to the LEWP.

4. State of play of cooperation with Europol on security at major sports events

The BE delegation presented the state of play of cooperation of experts for major sport events with Europol, and suggested to establish a project group in order to discuss further cooperation with Europol and to consider how overlaps with Interpol could be avoided. It was announced that UK, BE, AT, PT, IT and Ukraine would participate in the project group, and that other delegations would be welcome to join it as well.

5. Adaptability of the "Football Handbook" for other sports events

The LT delegation informed the meeting about the preparations for EUROBASKET 2011 to be held in Lithuania and presented the project "Security at Major Mass Events", financed by the EU. The final seminar of this project would focus on security at sport events and the application of the "Football Handbook".

6. State of play of EURO 2012, planned security measures and law enforcement cooperation

The PL delegation briefed the meeting about the preparations for EURO 2012 at the local, national and international level and about the upcoming international conference on security of sports events to be held in Warsaw on 27-30 June 2011.

A representative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine gave an overview of the national management system of the preparation for EURO 2012 including the legal framework, the cooperation with foreign police authorities and issues relating to information exchange.

7. State of play of the preparations for the Champions League/Europa League meeting on 7 and 8 September 2011

The BE delegation gave an overview of the preparations for the meeting of Champions League and Europa League to be held on 7-8 September 2011 in Vienna. It was noted that the meeting on 7 September would be generally devoted to police cooperation, and the meeting on 8 September would focus on more specific topics such as pyrotechnics, ticketless fans, violence and public order offences, and racism in sports events.

8. Results of the questionnaire on police cooperation with non-EU countries in the area of sports event security

The PL delegation presented the outcome of a questionnaire on police cooperation with non-EU countries in the area of sport events security (doc. CM 1508/11) and explained that the results of this questionnaire would provide the basis for further discussions under the incoming Polish Presidency and possibly for the adoption of guidelines aiming to improve cooperation with third countries.

9. Questionnaire on the reimbursement of fines

The EE delegation gave an overview of the outcome of the questionnaire on the reimbursement of fines (doc. CM 1631/11) and explained the different views of the Member States on this issue.

10. Fight against violence and intolerance in sport

A representative of the Commission presented the Communication "Developing the European Dimension in Sport" (doc. 5597/11 SPORT 3 EDUC 13 JEUN 3 AUDIO 3 SOC 45 JAI 38 MI 30) aiming to fight violence and intolerance in sport, and raised the attention of the Member States to the Call for Proposals 2011 to implement the Preparatory action in the field of sport. It was indicated that the budget available for this call was 1 million euro.

11. Projects supported by the Commission

11.1 EU-SEC II project

A representative of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) informed the delegations about the EU-SEC II project involving 22 Member States and coordinated by UNICRI. It was noted that the project was financed under the 7th Framework Programme, and that it focused on security planning at major events and aiming to create a database called the "European House of Major Events Security", containing best practices in this field.

11.2 European developments

The NL delegation presented the recent developments of the website of NFIPs, in particular the forms to be used by sending and receiving NFIPs in the context of EURO 2012. The meeting was informed that an application for further financing of this website would be submitted in due time.

11.3 State of play of the Pan-European Football Policing Training Project (PE-FFTP)

The UK delegation presented the state of play of the Pan-European Football Policing Training Project, in particular as regards the financing of the project and the expected results.

11.4 Overview of EU projects regarding violence and racism in sport and modalities of the EU funding

A representative of the Commission gave a detailed overview of the funding possibilities for projects related to combating violence and racism in sports. Four financial instruments with concrete examples were presented: ISEC, fundamental rights and citizenship programme, Preparatory action in the field of sport, and 7th Framework Programme for research and technological development. The Member States were encouraged to make use of these funding possibilities.

12. Presentation of the organisational structure and activities of the EU Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN)

A representative of the EUCPN secretariat informed the delegations about the set up, the tasks and the organisational structure of the EUCPN and its plans for 2011. The specific themes and subthemes of the activities of the EUCPN under the current trio Presidency and the incoming trio Presidency (PL, DK, CY) were also outlined.

13. Presentation of the activities of the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) in the field of common standards of sport facilities and identification of points of joint interest

A representative of the European Committee for Standardization pointed out the activities of CEN which could be of interest to the experts for major sports events. The Presidency underlined the need for cooperation with CEN in the implementation of the sports events' Action Plan.

14. Combating racism and xenophobia in major sports events

14.1 Organisation and activities of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

A representative of the FRA briefed the meeting about the study on "Racism, ethnic discrimination and exclusion of migrants and minorities in sports" aiming to identify ways in which sport bodies could play a more effective role in supporting social inclusion.

Delegations were informed that the study was available on the following website of the FRA: http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/attachments/Report-racism-sport_EN.pdf.

14.2 Framework Decision on combating racism and xenophobia

A representative of the Commission gave a presentation on the Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law, outlining the main offences that the Member States are obliged to penalise. It was noted that the Commission would prepare an evaluation report regarding the transposition of this Decision by the end of 2013.

14.3 Racial Equality Directive

A representative of the Commission gave a presentation on the Racial Equality Directive 2000/43/EC covering a wide range of areas and also relating to sports.

15. Any other business

15.1 Plans for the next Presidency

The PL delegation presented the priorities of the incoming Polish Presidency relating to the group of experts for major sports events, in particular as regards ensuring safety in major sports events, cooperation with third countries, follow-up of the Action Plan and further cooperation with and between Europol and Interpol in this field.

The following working documents were made available in the meeting room:

- presentations on the preparations of Poland and Ukraine for EURO 2012;
- presentation on the EU funding possibilities for projects related to combating violence and racism in sports.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 1929/1/11 REV 1 with the addition of two information points by the BE and PL delegations under AOB. Point 12 was postponed to the next LEWP meeting in April 2011.

2. Information from the Presidency

2.1 Information on the upcoming seminars and other events

The Presidency informed the meeting about the following seminars and events to be held in Budapest: a conference on cyber-crime (12-13 April 2011), a seminar on AUGIAS project (24-25 March 2011), and European Firearms Experts' plenary meeting (19-20 April 2011).

2.2 Brief information on the results of the recent events

The Presidency briefed the delegations about the outcome of the Infopolex conference held in Budapest on 28 February - 1 March 2011 and the results of conference on counterfeit medicines which took place in Budapest on 3-4 March 2011.

2.3 Information on JPO DANUBIUS

The Presidency briefed the delegations about JPO DANUBIUS to be organised together with AQUAPOL in spring 2011 and noted that the results of JPO AUTOMOTOR would be presented at the meeting of the EU contact points on vehicle crime on 4 April 2011.

3. Results of the meeting of experts for major sports events

The Chair of the meeting of experts for major sport events gave an overview of the results of the meeting the previous day, underlining in particular that the draft Action Plan implementing the 2011-2013 EU Work Programme (doc. 7315/11 ENFOPOL 49) and the draft Council Resolution concerning recommendations for hosting major football and other sports events, in particular tournaments with more than one organising country (doc. 7316/11 ENFOPOL 50) had been adopted unanimously by the experts, and invited the LEWP to approve these documents.

The UK delegation entered a scrutiny reservation as regards the draft Council Resolution.

The meeting approved the aforementioned documents and agreed to forward them to COREPER and Council for adoption subject to the lifting of the UK scrutiny reservation.

4. Presentation of the activities of the Central European Police Academy (MEPA)

A representative of the MEPA informed the delegations about the MEPA training network consisting of 8 countries, outlining that the main objective of the network was to promote international police cooperation by training activities and that its annual work programme was prepared with regard to CEPOL's activities in order to avoid overlapping.

A representative of the Commission noted that in the field of training for law enforcement personnel a high-level conference would be held on 18 May 2011 in order to discuss the content of the training scheme mentioned in the Stockholm programme.

5. Draft Council Conclusions on encouraging Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

The Presidency presented the draft Council Conclusions on encouraging Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) (doc. 6176/1/11 REV 1 ENFOPOL 28 EDUC 30), revised on the basis of the outcome of the previous LEWP meeting.

The meeting approved the document taking into account additional drafting suggestions made by some delegations and agreed to forward it to COREPER and Council for adoption.

6. Draft Council Resolution on the use of police dogs in the European Union

The Presidency presented the draft Council Resolution on the use of police dogs in the European Union (doc. 6174/1/11 REV 1 ENFOPOL 26), revised on the basis of the outcome of the previous LEWP meeting.

The UK delegation entered a reservation on the document.

The meeting approved the document taking into account additional drafting suggestions made by some delegations and agreed to forward it to COREPER and Council for adoption subject to the lifting of the UK reservation.

7. Draft Council Resolution on EMPEN - European medical and psychological experts' network for law enforcement

The Presidency presented the draft Council Resolution on EMPEN - European medical and psychological experts' network for law enforcement (doc. 6173/1/11 REV 1 ENFOPOL 25), revised on the basis of the outcome of the previous LEWP meeting. Some delegations made further drafting suggestions.

The Presidency invited the Member States to send their additional written comments regarding this document by 25 March 2011.

8. Draft Council Conclusions on combating fake medicines

The Presidency presented the draft Council Conclusions on combating fake medicines (doc. 6544/1/11 REV 1 ENFOPOL 38 ENFOCUSTOM 6 SAN 27 + COR 1), revised on the basis of the suggestions of delegations and the outcome of the seminar on counterfeit medicines held in Budapest on 3-4 March 2011.

Delegations exchanged views on the document, in particular as regards the use of the term "fake medicines", the relevance of the "Medicrime convention" in this context, and the role of Europol and customs authorities in the fight against counterfeit medicines.

The Presidency invited the Member States to send their additional written comments regarding this document by 25 March 2011.

9. CEPOL Work Programme 2011

The Deputy Director of CEPOL presented the CEPOL Work Programme 2011 as set out in doc. 7645/11 ENFOPOL 58, pointing out in particular that the exchange programme for police officers inspired by Erasmus in 2011 would be carried out from CEPOL's own resources.

The meeting approved the document and agreed to forward it to COREPER and Council for adoption.

10. CEPOL five years evaluation report

The Deputy Director of CEPOL presented the CEPOL five-year report as set out in doc. 7764/11 ENFOPOL 63, outlining that on the basis of Article 21 of Council Decision 2005/681/JHA establishing CEPOL, the Governing Board made short-term and long-term recommendations as regards CEPOL's structure and its working practices.

The DE delegation noted its concern as regards the recommendation to reduce the number of the Member States' representatives attending the meetings of the Governing Board.

The Presidency invited the delegations send their written comments regarding the report by 28 March 2011 prior to the further discussion of this item at the next LEWP meeting.

11. Conclusions of the second experts' seminar of the European Network of Fugitive Active Search Teams (ENFAST) and evaluation of the replies to the questionnaire on ENFAST

The Presidency briefed the delegations about the results of the questionnaire on ENFAST (doc. CM 6062/10) and introduced the conclusions of the expert seminar of ENFAST as set out in doc. 5093/11 ENFOPOL 2 COPEN 51. The meeting took note of these conclusions.

12. Proposal on the involvement of the LEWP in the field of activities of traffic police

The Presidency noted that the discussion on this point was postponed to the next LEWP meeting.

13. Any other business

- The BE delegation informed the meeting that following the adoption of the Council Conclusions on making security pictograms easier to recognise on 2-3 December 2010 (doc. 16416/10 ENFOPOL 334), an email address eucpn@ibz.fgov.be had been created for providing information on security pictograms.

- The PL delegation informed the meeting that it had prepared a questionnaire on the cultural property crimes (doc. CM 1927/11) and invited delegations to send their contributions by 15 April 2011.