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of:	Law Enforcement Working Party (including the meeting of radio communication experts and Mixed Committee EU/Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein)
on:	16-17 June 2011
Subject:	Summary of discussions

MEETING OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EXPERTS - MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 3345/1/11 REV 1 with the deletion of item 4.3 and the addition of an information point by the PL delegation.

2. Progress report of the radio communication expert group

The Chair of the forerunner subgroup of the radio communications experts group (RCEG) presented the progress report of the RCEG as set out in doc. 5094/11 ENFOPOL 3 COMIX 385 TELECOM 96 AUDIO 21 MI 309. The recent developments relating to the forerunner subgroup as regards technologies and frequencies, as well as the results of the RCEG meeting held on 23-24 May 2011 in Budapest were presented. It was underlined that the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) / Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) should be informed about the needs for public safety frequencies.

The necessity to convey a message to relevant Council working bodies relating to the first radio spectrum programme reflecting the concerns of law enforcement authorities was also stressed. Taking into account the suggestions of delegations on this issue it was agreed to revise the recommendation contained in the progress report before submitting it to the LEWP.

3. Air Ground Air (AGA) Communication Service of TETRA

The DE delegation gave a presentation on the Air-Ground-Air (AGA) functioning of the Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) mobile networks outlining the current status quo relating to German user requirements, introducing a three-layer-model as a possible solution and suggesting the steps forward. Following the presentation, delegations exchanged views on the possibility to extend national frequencies in view of implementing this model.

4. Mobile broad data communication and frequencies: follow-up and possible cooperation with relevant organisations

4.1. New CEPT working group on public safety frequencies

The Chair of the CEPT/ECC Working Group (WG) Frequency Management (FM) Project Team (PT) 49 presented the structure, organisation and tasks of the ECC bringing together 48 countries, and introduced the work of PT 49 dealing with the development of broadband high speed communication, including a harmonised spectrum, as requested by PPDR organisations. A possible timeframe for the development of such harmonised spectrum was outlined. The necessity to analyse the needs of PPDR organisations and to present them to national frequency administrations and to ensure political support relating to this issue was also underlined.

4.2. State of play in ETSI (European Telecommunication Standardisation Institute)

A representative of ETSI informed delegations that the aim of ETSI is to develop common standards for products in telecommunications and referred in particular to the work of TC-TETRA. It was announced that a workshop with the user community would be organised in autumn 2011 to define the needs for standardisation.

4.3. Initiative of the Joint Research Centre on broadband data, frequencies and ISI

The point was deleted from the agenda.

4.4. Frequency initiatives for public safety of the Commission and the European Defence Agency

A representative of the Commission gave a summary of the outcome of the PPDR workshop "The future of PPDR services in Europe" held on 30 March 2011. The meeting was informed about the conclusions of the workshop suggesting, *inter alia*, to set up a European PPDR task force.

A representative of the European Defence Agency (EDA) explained the point of view of the military community relating to frequencies, and invited the RCEG to discuss the needs together and to look for possible solutions suitable both to the military and PPDR community.

5. Interoperability between existing radio networks in Member States: ISI project proposal for financing under FP7

The Chair of the RCEG forerunner subgroup presented the progress of the RCEG ISI subgroup outlining in particular the recent developments relating to the project proposal "ISI global solution" for first responder which is expected to be integrated in the FP7 WP 2012 topic list.

The meeting agreed to integrate this information in the revised progress report of the RCEG set out in doc. 5094/11 ENFOPOL 3 COMIX 385 TELECOM 96 AUDIO 21 MI 309, before submitting it to the LEWP.

6. Any other business

The PL delegation announced that it would continue the current activities of the RCEG under its incoming Presidency, focusing in particular on AGA communication and on deepening the cooperation with EDA and NATO. It was announced that the next meeting of the RCEG would be held on 22-23 November 2011 in Warsaw.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY - MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 3345/1/11 REV 1.

2. Progress report of the radio communications expert group

A Hungarian expert presented the outcome of the RCEG meeting held the previous day outlining in particular the recommendation contained in the progress report of this group as set out in doc. 5094/1/11 REV 1 ENFOPOL 3 COMIX 385 TELECOM 96 AUDIO 21 MI 309.

One delegation stressed the need for active efforts of the current and incoming Presidencies in order to implement this recommendation.

The SE delegation entered a scrutiny reservation regarding the progress report.

The Chair concluded that the meeting took note of the RCEG progress report subject to lifting of the SE scrutiny reservation, and that the Presidency would consider further steps to be taken together with the incoming PL Presidency.

3. Presentation of the address book of PCCCs

A representative of the Commission presented the address book of Police and Customs Cooperation Centres (PCCC), developed by a Belgian expert as a result of the conference on PCCCs held in October 2010. A practical solution containing a map with updated contact information of the PCCCs was presented. The meeting was also informed that the next conference on PCCCs would be held in October 2011, where future steps regarding the updating of this address book and its dissemination would be discussed.

One delegation suggested including in the address book the contact details of PCCCs situated in the EU overseas territories.

4. Any other business

No items were raised under AOB.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 3345/1/11 REV 1 with the addition of an information point by the ES delegation under AOB.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Chair gave an overview of all the activities of the Hungarian Presidency conducted in the framework of the LEWP, outlining in particular the documents emanating from the LEWP adopted by the Council, and the results of various meetings and conferences held during the Presidency.

3. Firearms

3.1. Results of the European Firearms Experts' plenary meeting held on 19-20 April 2011 in Budapest

A Hungarian expert presented the outcome of the European Firearms' Experts (EFE) plenary meeting held on 19-20 April 2011 in Budapest. Delegations were informed that three working subgroups were established at this meeting in view of implementing the European Action Plan – (1) on the definition of “heavy” firearms, (2) on drafting the manual on the fight against internet-based illegal firearms trafficking and (3) on drafting the manual on the controls of weapons fairs.

3.2. Implementation of the European Action Plan to combat illegal trafficking in so called "heavy" firearms which could be used or are used in criminal activities, including the possibilities for EU funding in the framework of ISEC programme

The BE delegation presented certain ideas relating to the implementation of four actions of the European Action Plan (doc. 16427/1/10 REV 1 ENFOPOL 338 COARM 87) having financial implications. Delegations were informed that concrete proposals would be presented at a later stage with a view of applying for financing under the ISEC programme.

Some delegations underlined the need to first define the term of "heavy" firearms in order to implement other actions of the European Action Plan. One delegation drew the attention of the meeting to the difficulties to feed Europol's information system relating to trafficking of "heavy" firearms.

3.3. Evaluation of the replies to the questionnaire on firearms

A Hungarian expert presented the outcome of the questionnaire on firearms as set out in doc. 11141/11 ENFOPOL 187 COARM 90, which aimed to contribute to the implementation of certain actions outlined in the European Action Plan.

4. Progress report from the e-MOBIDIG group on mobile ID devices for police and immigration

The Chair of the e-MOBIDIG group presented the progress report on mobile ID devices for police and immigration, underlining the importance of interoperability of these devices. The meeting was informed about the publication of three key documents relating to the activities of e-MOBIDIG on its website www.e-mobidig.eu. Delegations were also informed that the next meeting of e-MOBIDIG would be held on 8-9 September 2011.

5. Presentation of the OSCE POLIS website (Policing OnLine Information System)

A representative of the OSCE presented the POLIS website (<http://polis.osce.org>) - an online platform to share and exchange policing-related non-operational information. It was outlined in particular that the goal of POLIS is to enhance cooperation of police officers in and outside the EU and the OSCE area by establishing stronger partnerships with national police organisations and academies and by sharing materials, promoting events, training possibilities and e-learning projects.

6. General Report on Europol's activities 2010

A representative of Europol introduced the general report on Europol's activities 2010 as set out in doc. 10244/11 ENFOPOL 149, referring in particular to combating cybercrime and to the SIENA network and encouraging Member States to make further use of it.

The meeting took note of this document and agreed to submit it to COREPER/Council for endorsement.

7. Progress report on the activities of the European Network of Law Enforcement Technology Services (ENLETS)

The Presidency introduced the progress report on the activities of ENLETS as set out in doc. DS 1362/1/11 REV 1 outlining in particular the need to update the list of ENLETS contact points and providing suggestions for possible future activities of ENLETS.

The PL delegation announced that it would continue the activities of ENLETS under its incoming Presidency and that it would organise a meeting of ENLETS in September 2011.

8. Joint Police Operations (JPOs)

8.1. Final report on Joint Police Operation AUTOMOTOR

The Chair presented the final report on JPO AUTOMOTOR (doc. 10713/11 ENFOPOL 172 TRANS 164), which was organised on 17-19 February 2011 aiming to control, stop and prosecute cross-border activities related to vehicle crime and to gather vehicle crime-related intelligence.

The meeting took note of the report and approved the recommendation contained in it.

The PL delegation announced a similar operation to be organised under the incoming PL Presidency and stated that a proposal to organise such a JPO would be presented at the next LEWP meeting.

One delegation underlined the importance to announce the organisation of JPOs in advance in line with the Guide for JPOs in order to facilitate the participation of Member States in such operations.

8.2. Final report on Joint Police Operation DANUBIUS

The Chair presented the final report on JPO DANUBIUS (doc. 11254/11 ENFOPOL 191 COWEB 129), which was organised on 20 March - 30 April 2011 aiming to tackle various criminal activities on the Danube waterways, such as illegal waste transport, vehicle-related crime, counterfeiting and illegal immigration.

The meeting took note of the report and approved the recommendations contained in it.

9. Presentation of the work programme of the incoming Polish Presidency

The PL delegation outlined the work programme of the incoming PL Presidency focusing in particular on the standardisation of forensic tests, strengthening cooperation in ensuring security of sports events, combating crime related to cultural goods, combating cybercrime, working with CEPOL and activities of CBRN intervention units.

Furthermore, the provisional calendar of the LEWP meetings was presented and the organisation of various experts meetings to be held in Poland was announced (such as ENLETS, ENFAST and EFE).

10. Any other business

The ES delegation informed the meeting about an upcoming CEPOL research and science conference on cyber security, cyber crime and social networks to be held in Madrid on 28-30 June 2011.