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of: Standing Committee on operational cooperation on internal security (COSI)  
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Subject : Summary of discussions

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**1. Adoption of the agenda**

The Presidency addressed a special welcome to all participants in the first COSI meeting, which was held on the 6th European Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Terrorism, and underlined the importance of having efficient deliberations in order to ensure the operational nature of the Committee.

The agenda set out in doc. 7363/10 was adopted with the addition of an information point by the IT delegation under the item AOB.

**2. Integrated approach to internal security**

**- Internal Security Strategy. Role of COSI**

The Committee exchanged views on the role and tasks of COSI in the field of internal security strategy, as laid down in the Council Decision 2010/131/EU on setting up the COSI (OJ L 52 of 3.3.2010, p. 50).

Facilitating and ensuring effective operational cooperation and coordination was considered as one of COSI's main tasks, together with ensuring consistency of action between the JHA Agencies and the coordination of operational cooperation on security issues with third countries and key regions. Some delegations stated that COSI should also have a strategic role to play and should bring coherence into the various EU measures on internal security. Several delegations also referred to the tasks of COSI under Article 222 TFEU.

In general delegations felt that COSI should be ambitious and produce concrete and tangible results. In this respect, reference was made to the importance of developing a methodology and work programme and identifying a limited number of concrete operational projects involving i.a. the combating of terrorism and organised crime. Duplication of work with other bodies and agencies should be avoided. Some delegations expressed an interest in continuing on an informal basis the meetings of the Chiefs of Police, possibly at Europol which offered to host these meetings.

- **Information on upcoming projects/documents**

The Commission representative expressed the Commission's support for the activities of COSI and provided information on the various proposals which the Commission intended to submit to the Council and the European Parliament in the coming months. These concern an overview of the existing EU instruments for the exchange of personal data for law enforcement purposes, together with a stocktaking of counter-terrorism measures as well as a series of documents on PNR, which can be expected before the summer break. A communication on the internal security strategy is planned after the summer break.

- **State of the EU internal security: preparation of Council debate**

The Committee agreed that the COSI Support Group/JHA Counsellors would prepare a report, in cooperation with the JHA Agencies, regarding the state of the EU internal security. This report would be submitted to the Council in June for a general debate on internal security, as set out in doc. 7178/10 JAI 190 COSI 8. The report would take into consideration the findings of various reports such as the OCTA, TE-SAT and SITCEN reports. Europol offered to assist the Presidency in the drafting of the report.

## - **Presentation of "Harmony" project**

The BE delegation briefly presented the Harmony project which aims at streamlining and integrating the already existing EU instruments (OCTA, COSPOL projects, etc.) and new developments into a more coherent and effective approach, resulting in a genuine European policy cycle. It clarified that this project would focus on the longer term and would complement the report on the state of internal security which was more a short-term measure.

### **3. Cooperation between agencies**

The Committee took note of the interim report on cooperation between JHA Agencies, which was jointly drafted by CEPOL, Eurojust, Europol and Frontex (doc. 5816/10 JAI 87 COSI 2) and invited the Agencies to produce their final report including forward-looking proposals on their cooperation by 1 April 2010.

### **4. Joint operations**

- Overview (including COSPOL, Frontex joint operations, JCOs, JITs...)
- Coordination and follow-up mechanisms

The Committee agreed to the Presidency's proposal regarding COSI's role in the coordination and follow-up mechanisms of joint operations as set out in doc. 7148/10 JAI 191 COSI 9 ENFOPOL 56 ENFOCUSTOM 15 FRONT 26 COPEN 55. The COSI Support Group was invited to examine whether and how the coordination mechanism could be expanded in order for COSI to have a general overview and examine how to adapt the mechanism to the new situation and structures. Europol was tasked to evaluate the current COSPOL projects and to make recommendations for improved handling of these projects. On the basis of this, the COSI Support Group would draw up a proposal to allow COSI to play its role in facilitating coordination, ensuring consistency of action and improving the operational delivery of the Council's relevant strategies and action plans.

The Presidency announced that it would organise a "global" joint operation involving the main internal security authorities of the Member States and the JHA Agencies. More information on this global operation would be provided at a later stage.

The BE delegation stated that a meeting of the national competent bodies for the COSPOL projects was planned under the Belgian Presidency with a view to evaluating these projects. This evaluation would be presented to COSI.

## **5. Counter-terrorism**

### **- Action paper**

Following a presentation by the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator of the action papers DS 1122/10 and DS 1123/10, the Presidency noted that the Committee welcomed and supported the proposed actions, subject to an NL scrutiny reservation. Delegations were encouraged to start working on the implementation of these papers. It was suggested that the same template be used for future action papers.

## **6. Trafficking in human beings**

### **- Conclusions of Madrid Conference**

The Committee took note of the conclusions of the Madrid Conference "Towards Global EU Action against Trafficking in Human Beings" held in Madrid on 4 and 5 March 2010.

## **7. European Pact to fight international trafficking of drugs**

The Committee discussed the draft European Pact presented by the Presidency and FR, set out in doc. 7264/10 JAI 196 COSI 10 CORDROGUE 31 CRIMORG 50 JAIEX 26

Many delegations supported the initiative and welcomed the document as being a concise text that focuses on a few carefully chosen strategic points, while a number of them saw a need for further additions and/or amendments. Some delegations took the view that the Pact should also cover synthetic drugs or even cannabis and called for a geographical balance. The idea of using the instrument of asset freezing as a key measure in combating the threat and adding the border surveillance aspects was also supported by some delegations.

The Presidency concluded that the document would be further discussed by the COSI Support Group and the HDG and JAIEX groups would be consulted with a view to approval of the Pact at the JHA Council in April.

**8. Any other business**

The IT delegation informed the Committee about the activities connected to the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the UN Palermo Convention on the fight against organised crime.

The EE delegation referred to the information which it made available regarding the new Estonian Police and Border Guard Board.

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