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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of :	Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
on :	4 May 2009
Subject :	Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda set out in document CM 1839/09 with the cancellation of item 3 and addition of the following items under Any Other Business:

- EMCDDA report on the "Spice" phenomenon
- Action Plan between the EU and Central Asia
- Situation in Bolivia
- "I-Doser" (information by EL).

**2. Implementation of the EU Drugs Action Plan for 2009 – 2012: Draft Council
Conclusions on Supply Reduction Indicators**

The meeting examined in detail the draft Council Conclusions on supply reduction indicators on the basis of a working document prepared by the Presidency that reflected the comments made at the previous meeting as well as further comments provided by delegations in writing.

Agreement was reached on the text in document 9634/09 CORDROGUE 26, which would be forwarded to Coreper and Council for adoption.

The Conclusions should serve as a roadmap for implementation of actions 67 and 68 of the EU Drugs Action Plan 2009-2013.

3. Follow-up: 52nd session of the CND – CZ PRES report, conclusions

This item of the agenda was cancelled.

4. Report on Global Illicit Drugs Markets 1998-2007

The representative of Trimbos Institute gave a presentation on the study tendered by the Commission in 2008 and carried out by Trimbos Institute and RAND.

The study was carried out in an attempt to have evidence-based information on drug markets. An executive summary and the full version of the report were distributed by COM to delegations. The follow-up and conclusions from the report should be made by Member States.

5. Report on EU National Drug Coordinators Meeting, Prague 29 April 2009, and on the Symposium: Meth/amphetamines – Sharing the Experience, Prague 30 April 2009-06-21

The Chairman reported on the meeting of national drug coordinators that discussed two topics – drug coordination and migration - and the conference on methamphetamines. A written report will follow.

6. Preparation for the EU Troika meeting on drugs with Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, 5 May 2009

The Presidency presented the agenda for the meeting set out in CM 1841/1/09 REV 1 that will be followed by a special dialogue on drugs with Ukraine (CM 1842/09).

7. Preparation for the EU/LAC Technical Committee meeting, 5 May 2009

The Presidency summarised the latest developments in preparation for the EU/LAC High Level meeting in Quito, notably regarding the draft agenda, Quito declaration, and Annual report. The new draft Quito declaration submitted by the LAC side was presented.

8. Any other business

- a) The ES delegation gave a presentation on the national situation in drug use and responses.
- b) The RO delegation gave a presentation on quality standards and evaluation of drug services in Romania that was postponed from the thematic debate held at the previous meeting.
Information was given on the national framework and priorities of drug prevention, its evaluation and counseling. The importance of standardization of interventions at EU level was emphasized.
- c) The RO delegation provided information on a new tool for monitoring drug trafficking in the Black Sea – SCOMAR - that allows early detection, tracking and following of the ships used for transport of drugs in the Black Sea.
- d) The Presidency informed the meeting of the ideas by HoMs in La Paz on a possible action by the EU in response to the Bolivian request for assistance following the departure of DEA from the country. The issue will be dealt with by the COLAT group.
The group agreed that the situation is serious and the issue should further be addressed including with the US at the forthcoming Troika on 25 June. The EU should be cautious about the requests of the Government of Bolivia.
The Presidency invited delegations to send their comments in writing. The issue will further be discussed at the next meeting.
- e) The RO delegation informed on the designation of a new national drug coordinator.
- f) The EL delegation drew the attention of the meeting to a new phenomenon “I-Doser”, a product which is not a narcotic substance but has similar effects to narcotics. Other delegations were invited to share information on the subject. A note from the EL delegation will follow.

- g) The Presidency informed on the developments with regard to the Action Plan on drugs between the EU and Central Asia. The updated version of the Plan incorporating comments by Member States and by Central Asian countries would be submitted to Coreper and Council for adoption and subsequently to the Ministerial Troika meeting in Dushanbe on 29-30 May for political endorsement.
- h) The representative of EMCDDA informed on the report on the "Spice" phenomenon. The report was made available to delegations.

The following documents were made available as room documents:

- Draft Council Conclusions on the Implementation of the EU Drugs Action Plan for 2009-2012 regarding Supply Reduction Key Indicators and Instruments to Analyse Effectiveness and Impacts of Drug Policy
- Comments on the amendments (following HDG 17/4/2009 discussion) to the Draft Council Conclusions on the Implementation of the EU drugs Action Plan 2009-2012 regarding Supply Reduction Key Indicators
- EMCDDA Action on new drugs briefing paper: Understanding the 'Spice' phenomenon
- Analysis of the global illicit drugs market and drug policy responses - PPT presentation
- Contact details for Romania's National Coordinator on Drugs
- Spanish overview on drugs - National Drugs Strategy 2009-2016
- Quality Standards on prevention, counselling and evaluation anti-drug services in Romania
- Bolivia: Drugs – Ideas by HoMs in La Paz on a possible action by the EU in response to Bolivian request for assistance
- Draft Annual Report March 2008 – May 2009 of the EU/LAC Mechanism
- Draft Quito declaration.