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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Working Party on General Matters, including Evaluations (GENVAL)
on: 27 November 2013
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 5318/2/13 REV 2 was adopted.

2. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Adoption of the Report of Malta

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The report was adopted.

3. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Adoption of the Report of Poland

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The report was adopted.

4. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the Report of the Netherlands

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The evaluation team presented the report. The Dutch delegation commented on the findings of the evaluation team and replied to the questions asked by other delegations.

5. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the Report of Italy

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The evaluation team presented the report. The Italian delegation commented on the findings of the evaluation team and replied to the questions asked by other delegations.

6. Seventh round of Mutual Evaluation (Cybercrime)

- a first exchange of views on the initial draft questionnaire (to be dealt with in depth at the first meeting under the incoming Greek Presidency)

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A number of delegations asked for more focus, a limitation of scope and fewer questions (merging a number of questions). The Presidency underlined that the next GENVAL meeting (morning) would be dedicated to discussions of the questionnaire. A revised version of the questionnaire will be issued before next GENVAL meeting.

7. Strengthening efforts to combat impunity within the EU and its Member States for serious international crimes - renewed engagement in the field of Justice and Home Affairs

- presentation by the Head of Genocide Network Secretariat (followed by a discussion)

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The Head of the Genocide Network Secretariat gave a brief presentation of the network, the secretariat and the task force that had been set up. In particular, he called for the realisation of the Stockholm programme and its Action Plan that mandated the Commission to evaluate the implementation of internal instruments on fighting impunity. A number of delegations expressed their support for the work done by the secretariat and for a renewed and strengthened effort to combat impunity for serious international crimes within EU Member States in the form of an action plan. The Commission declared that it would look at possible follow-up. The Presidency stated that the item would be kept on the agenda.

8. Crime against businesses in Europe: a pilot survey

- presentation by the Commission

[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-library/docs/1eu_bcs_final_report_galluptranscrime_executive_summary_en.pdf)

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<http://transcrime.cs.unitn.it/tc/1142.php> (full report).

The Commission briefly presented the pilot survey. Currently the main aims were to start collecting comparable data within an area where data were not often collected and to develop a common methodology. Following these steps it would be considered whether it would be useful to develop a common EU response.

9. AOB

- information from the Presidency on the Anti-Trafficking Day (18 October);
The Presidency informed about the conference "*Exploring the Links between the Internet and Trafficking in Human Beings: Cyberspace for Prevention, not Recruitment*", organised by the Lithuanian EU Presidency and the Commission that took place in Vilnius on 18 October 2013. A publication will be circulated soon.

- FR asked for a status concerning EU participation in GRECO.
The commission replied that at this stage there was no new information to be shared. Delegations will be kept informed.

- information from the incoming Greek Presidency on the programme for GENVAL during the next semester.

The incoming Greek Presidency informed that they had planned for three GENVAL meetings next semester: 22 January; one meeting day between 24 and 28 March (date yet to be determined); and 21 May 2014.

Focus would be on the mutual evaluation rounds. The presentation of reports from the sixth evaluation round would continue. Concerning the seventh, the questionnaire should be finalised, the order of countries to be visited, and dates for visits should be determined, etc. An evaluation of the Commission's "EU strategy towards the eradication of trafficking in Human Beings for 2012-2016" as well as EUCPN would also be on the agenda.

Next meeting date for GENVAL will be **22 January 2014**.
