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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	11 July 2017
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Outcomes of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs meeting

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as outlined in doc. CM 3463/17 with the addition of the AOB point "Information on six new psychoactive substances".

2. Report of the Twelfth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies (HONLEA) Europe

The NL Chair of the above-mentioned meeting held on 27-30 June 2017 in Vienna gave an overview of the outcomes of the meeting and delegations further shared their views on the HONLEA mandate and its possible extension.

3. Alternatives to coercive sanctions

The Presidency gave an overview of its discussion paper on alternatives to coercive sanctions, outlined in doc. 10776/17 CORDROGUE 87. The representative of the Commission recalled the expert meeting organised on the topic on 1 March 2017, which produced a number of conclusions, that could be further explored. Delegations noted the importance of this discussion and its broad scope, therefore suggesting to look at the possibility to involve other Council working groups into this discussion. Initial views were shared as regards the objectives to be achieved and measuring the use of alternatives to coercive sanctions.

4. Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision on subjecting the new psychoactive substance N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)piperidin-4-yl]furan-2-carboxamide (furanylfentanyl) to control measures

The representative of the EMCDDA gave an overview of the main conclusions of the risk assesment report on furanylfentanyl and the representative of the Commission recalled that a number of deaths in the EU were associated with furanylfentanyl and therefore presented a proposal to subject this new psychoactive substance under control measures (doc. 10947/17 CORDROGUE 91). Delegations endorsed this proposal.

5. Preparation for upcoming CND intersessional meeting

The Presidency encouraged delegations to be active in nominating panelists for the discussions at the forthcoming intersessional meeting in Vienna to be held on 26-28 September 2017 on the implementation of the UNGASS outcome document. Delegations discussed and proposed amendments to the draft EU statements on implementation of the UNGASS recommendations in the fields of drug demand reduction, availability of controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes and human rights.

6. Preparation for the 2019 review of the UN Political Declaration

The NL coordinator of the informal post-UNGASS group stressed the importance of having an EU common position on post-UNGASS issues and noted that further coordination was needed on several important issues, including the expected outcome of 2019 global drug policy review and the update of drug policy indicators. Delegations shared their views on the above-mentioned issues and were requested to provide the written answers by 19 July 2017. The representative of the EMCDDA recalled that work had started as regards updating drug policy indicators, including the paper drafted by the UN Statistical Commission, the mandate to the UNODC for renewing the Annual Reporting Questionnaire as well as the possible establishment of an expert group on statistics.

7. Preparation for the EU-CELAC technical committee meeting

The Presidency presented the proposed agenda of the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 21 September 2017 in Brussels (doc. 10778/17 CORDROGUE 89 COLAC 52 JAI 642).

8. Discussion on relevant international events

The representative of the EEAS updated delegations on the negotiations as regards the draft ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) statement on drugs and gave an overview of the coordination with like-minded countries. She also informed that the EU comments on the statement were presented, but no feedback was available yet. Delegations discussed the guidelines as regards the further negotiations on the statement.

9. Preparations for HDG and Civil Society Forum on Drugs meeting

Delegations were informed that the above-mentioned meeting will be held on 29 November 2017.

10. Information on relevant activities of other Council Working Parties

The COASI chair presented the activities of this Council working group, and encouraged the exchange of ideas on how to bring HDG and COASI work closer. The Presidency also updated the meeting on the COSI activities as regards the preparation of the updated internal security strategy and its implementation document. The Presidency recalled that the HDG activities are also covered in this document.

11. National Drug Coordinators' meeting

The Presidency informed delegations about the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 13-14 September 2017 in Tallinn.

12. AOB: Information on six new psychoactive substances

The representative of the Commission informed the meeting that they will communicate their decision as regards 6 new psychoactive substances: AB- CHMINACA, ADB-CHMINACA, 5F-MDMB-PINACA, CUMYL-4CN-BINACA, 4F-iBF and THF-F in July.
