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SUMMARY MINUTES

Meeting of the of the Expert Group established to support the enforcement of road safety related traffic offences held on 19 May 2014 in Brussels

1. Introduction and adoption of the agenda

The representatives of the Member States and the observers were welcomed to the forth meeting of the Expert Group established to support the enforcement of road safety related traffic offences, and introduced the points of agenda which were mainly focused on issues related to transposition/implementation and follow-up of Directive 2011/82/EU facilitating the cross-border exchange of information on road safety related traffic offences ("CBE" Directive), enforcement indicators/measures and COM website with traffic rules.

Upon request by MS, the ECJ Judgment of 6 May 2014 in Case 43-12 related to the incorrect legal basis of the CBE Directive was discussed under AOB point.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Expert Group meeting of 21 October 2013

Minutes of the Expert Group meeting of 21 October 2013 were approved.

3. Implementation of Directive 2011/82/EU

– establishment of national contact points

According to Article 4(3) of the CBE Directive, MS are obliged to establish a national contact point (NCP) which is responsible for the exchange of vehicle registration data (VRD). Several MS have already asked COM to provide the list of NCPs. MS are asked to provide detailed information on their NCP (which institution is responsible for VRD exchange, contact person and legal or administrative measure by which Article 4(3) of the CBE Directive is transposed/implemented).

– reporting obligations 2014

MS were reminded of their obligation to communicate a preliminary report according to Article 6 of the CBE Directive by 7 November 2014. COM prepared a table to be filled out, in order to help MS in providing the information and to reduce administrative burden. The aim of the preliminary report is to see the magnitude of the implementation and the efficiency of the whole system of VRD exchange. The information will be used for the evaluation report of 2016 as envisaged in Article 11 of the CBE Directive.

4. Enforcement measures/indicators

COM drafted a new document which reflects the comments of MS from the previous meeting and which is as simple as possible. The document will be used for the evaluation report as envisaged in Article 11 of the CBE Directive.

5. Follow up of the information exchange under Directive 2011/82/EU

The enforcement of the fines issued for the offences under the CBE Directive are considered as important element of the follow up of the information exchange, especially in view of the evaluation report of 2016. A workshop on this topic is considered to be organised in autumn 2014.

6. "Going Abroad" - regular update of the Commission website

COM website "Going abroad" which currently covers 28 MS plus Switzerland and Norway is translated into all EU official languages. There is also a smart phone application based on the information provided on this website which has been developed to allow wider use. Since the website became very popular with one of the largest number of visits, it is of utmost importance to provide up-to-date information. MS were asked to verify the information on the website and inform COM in case there is a need to update the data. It will be useful if MS nominate a contact person who can be consulted, if there are some doubts or questions.

7. AOB - ECJ Judgment in Case 43-12

The main elements of the Court judgement were briefly discussed, namely that the CBE Directive is annulled but the effects of the Directive are maintained until the entry into force of a new Directive within a reasonable period of time, which may not exceed 12 months from the date of delivery of the judgement. COM confirmed its intention to decide on the next steps following the Court judgement with utmost priority. IT as the upcoming EU Presidency expressed the readiness to start negotiations on the proposal in the Council but pointed out that the time available for the adoption of the new Directive is short taking into account the elections of the new President of the European Commission and the establishment of new Commission. This expert group will continue to work on the annulled Directive that remains applicable until 6 May 2015.