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From:	Presidency
To:	Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI)
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Subject:	Future funding of the EU Policy Cycle: Strategic guidance on prioritization

At its meeting on 8 November 2016, COSI agreed on the strategic guidance for future funding of the EU Policy Cycle (13922/16). One of the elements of this strategic guidance was to reserve €355,000 (representing 12% of the €3 million destined for grants) to provide COSI the requested flexibility to prioritise certain EU crime priorities for funding.

Therefore, as a follow up of that decision, the Presidency invited Member States to identify which Operational Action Plans would be prioritised in 2017 and indicated, in case of more than one option, the order of importance. Delegations will find in annex a compilation of the preferences and comments received.

Taking into account the annexed table, the Presidency suggests to distribute equally the €355,000 available among the 5 priorities preferred by Member States namely Facilitation of Illegal Immigration, Illicit Firearms Trafficking, Trafficking in Human Beings, Organised Property Crime and Child Sexual Exploitation.

Delegations are invited to indicate whether they agree on the above proposal.

Member States' submitted preferences for funding prioritization of EU crime priorities

Member States	ILL IMM	THB	COUNTER FEIT.	EXCISE	MTIC	SYNTH	HEROIN	COCAINE	PCF	CSE	CYBER ATTACKS	FIRE ARMS.	OPC
CZ	X												
CY	X	X						X					X
DE	X	X											
DK	X	X								X		X	
ES		X						X				X	
FR	X											X	X
HR	X							X				X	
HU	X				X					X			
IT	X											X	
LT*	X								X	X	X	X	
NL**	X	X							X	X	X		
LU		X										X	X
LV				X		X	X						X
PL	X					X			X				
PT	X											X	
RO	X	X											X
SI										X	X		X
SK	X											X	
TOTAL	14	7		1	1	2	1	3	3	5	3	9	6

*: LT : CYBERCRIME but no precision on which priority (CSE, card fraud or cyber attacks)

** : NL : CYBERCRIME but no precision on which priority (CSE, card fraud or cyber attacks)

** : the NL would like to propose the following for the future funding: *"Cooperation with 3rd countries has found its place in various OAPs and therefore the extra funding could be allocated for this, e.g. Western Balkan countries and China. Flexibility in the cooperation is necessary given the extra costs involved (traveling distance, visits from law enforcement authorities to the country concerned). Extra costs are also involved in cases authorities of those 3rd countries are invited to visit (in our case) the NL including contacts/visits with national law enforcement authorities"*.