Police cooperation: European system of laboratories for analyses of synthetic drugs. Initiative Sweden

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PURPOSE : to present the intiative of the Kingdom of Sweden witha view to the adoption of a Council Decision establishing a system of special forensic profiling analysis of synthetic drugs. CONTENT : this proposal aims to establish a European system of laboratories with the aim of carrying out special forensic profiling analysis on samples of seized synthetic drugs for the purpose of the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of criminal offences. The laboratories that are to carry out special analyses on samples of synthetic drugs are designated in the Annex of this proposal. The designated laboratories shall have two main tasks in particular: - to perform a special analysis of synthetic drugs of the samples transmitted to them on the behalf of the Member States; - to determine whether the samples analysed matches with other samples analysed by that laboratory. Furthermore, the designated laboratories shall apply the best possible chemical processes for the special analysis and shall keep a record of all samples analysed in order to allow checking to be made whether match exists between samples. These laboratories shall, for the work carried out on the basis of this decision, be funded by the Member States in whose territory they are located. As far as the Member States are concerned, they have an important role to play in the seizing of the synthetic drugs at production sites and thereafter transmitting these samples to the designated laboratories for special analysis. Lastly, in accordance with Article 4(4) of the Europol Convention, criminal intelligance or investigative data related to a seizure that is to be transmitted for special analysis shall be transmitted to Europol at the same time as the transmission of the sample itself to a designated laboratory. The designated laboratories shall keep a record of all special analyses carried out for a period of at least five years.