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**Cross Border police co-operation
in the aftermath of Brexit;
consequences and shaping
alternatives.**

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Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) A UK perspective

- SOC evolving at a 21st century pace
- World instability and conflict – Migration and vulnerability
- Technology and the digital environment
- Big data
- Emerging threats – e.g. synthetic drugs
- Globalisation of crime

Why is cross border police co-operation so important?

- We are facing the same challenges;
- Criminals seek to exploit all of our boundaries;
- We are tackling parts of the same criminal enterprises;
- We have built up a wealth of experience and trust
- We can share knowledge and develop capabilities together

Where we are....(1)

- The UK wants to continue working with the EU (and beyond) on security, law enforcement and criminal justice.
- We are leaving the EU, but not leaving Europe.
- We are committed to strong cooperation now and after we leave.
- We aim to ensure law enforcement cooperation is in the best position possible and prepared for any outcome
- And we recognise the challenges in negotiating a new relationship.

Where we are.....(2)

- UK's internal security paper sets out UK Government position on Future Relationship regarding Internal Security (published 18 September)
- We feel it reflects our priorities and threat narrative
- Seeks new Security Partnership across:
 - Data
 - Practical cooperation
 - EU agencies
- Unprecedented level of cooperation for non-MS
- Proposes overarching treaty
- Not linked to developments in other strands (unconditional)

UK Law Enforcement – What works well

- Multi – lateral working
 - Europol
 - Interpol
- Bi-lateral working
- Schengen Information System (SIS II)
- European Arrest Warrant
- European Investigation Order
- Passenger Names Record
- European Criminal Records Information System
- Plus border security
- Relationships built on trust

What about Plan B?

- Due-diligence planning for a “No Deal” scenario
- We already use bi-lateral relationships alongside multi-lateral
- Tool-based assessment of possibilities
- Scenario-based
- Specific threat-based or geographic considerations
- Parallel process for partners - what would be your Plan B for cooperation with the UK in the event of a no-deal?

Summary

- Still understanding the questions
- Working together
 - ensure officials understand the operational imperative
 - share analysis
 - Reinforce the unconditional desire for security from the rest of EU exit agenda
- Look forward not backwards