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– last line should read 23 March (date of next meeting)

***Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Tuesday 7
February 2012 CoB.***

1. COARM priorities and working programme in 2012

Following discussion at the COARM CODUN CONOP Directors meeting on 12 December 2011 and comments received via coreu, the Group agreed on the priorities and programme of work of COARM proposed by the EEAS for 2012 (cf. COARM DS 02/12), including an amendment submitted **DELETED** (coreu **DELETED** 0010/12).

2. Information exchange regarding export policies towards specific destinations

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Certain delegations updated the Group about the state of play of their domestic export control policy reviews.

3. Thematic discussion on COARM working methods

- (i) *Elaboration of guidelines of COARM exchanges of information on export control policies vis-à-vis sensitive destinations*

The Group continued its discussion on possible guidelines for COARM information exchanges on sensitive destinations, on the basis of a proposal by the EEAS.

Delegations were invited to comment on the proposal for guidelines on information exchange on destinations of concern (cf. EAS/0105/12) via coreu by 2 March 2012. A revised proposal will subsequently be distributed and discussed at the next COARM meeting.

- (ii) *Other issues related to COARM working methods*

The Group discussed other issues related to COARM working methods. Delegations were invited to submit any contribution on specific issues related to COARM working methods, with a view to further discussion at the next COARM meetings.

4. Outreach activities under Council Decision 2009/1012/CFSP

- (i) *Organization of study visits*

The Group was informed about the results of the last the study visit foreseen by the Council Decision, hosted by the Czech Republic on 16-20 January 2012.

- (ii) *Consideration of further outreach activities, following the completion of the implementation of Council Decision 2009/1012/CFSP*

The Group continued its discussion on the assessment of the implementation of Council Decision 2009/1012/CFSP, on the basis of a concept paper prepared by BAFA (COARM DS 04/12) on elements of assessment and possible next steps in COARM outreach.

As to the next steps in the elaboration of a new Council Decision on COARM outreach, **delegations were invited to comment on the concept paper by 2 March and tasked the EEAS to subsequently draft a proposal for the new Council Decision.** It was also agreed that the EEAS, in cooperation with BAFA, will seek possibilities to invite representative of some beneficiary countries (Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and Southern Caucasus) to participate in the next COARM meeting to express their assessment of previous outreach and discuss the way forward.

5. Review of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP

The Group discussed the next steps in the review process of the Common Position, taking stocks of the replies received to the preparatory questionnaire (cf. COARM DS 39/11).

Delegations were invited to submit their views on both modalities and thematic priorities for the review process, and tasked the EEAS to draft a summary of the replies to the questionnaire received and the food-for-thought document that could serve as terms of reference for the Review Process.

6. Wassenaar Arrangement (WA) - follow-up to the Plenary Meeting (13-15 December 2011)

The Group discussed the results of the WA Plenary, focusing in particular on the issue of further membership to the Arrangement and selection of the new Head of Secretariat. **DELETED**

Several delegations expressed support for a continuous and enhanced coordination in COARM on WA issues

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7. Political Dialogues with third countries

- (i) *Debriefing on political dialogue meeting with Canada, Norway and the Russian Federation (Vienna, 14 and 15 December 2011)*

The Group was informed about the results of recent political dialogues meetings held with Canada, Norway and the Russian Federation (cf. Coreu EAS/1850/11)

- (ii) *Upcoming political dialogue meetings with third countries*

The Group was informed about the next planned COARM political dialogue meetings, including on the newly established dialogues with Serbia, South Africa and Israel.

8. Any other business

- *Adoption of EU Common Military List;*

The Chair informed the Group that the updated Common Military List (CML) as endorsed by the Group in its English version (COARM DS 01/12), will be submitted, via Coreper, for adoption by Council (tentatively FAC of 27 February 2012) under "A" items. It is foreseen that all language versions will be available by early next week. All language versions of the CML will be distributed to COARM delegations as soon as available, with a deadline of 10 to 15 days for possible amendments. One delegation enquired as to the possibility

of adjusting the alphabetical order of definitions of terms used in the list, which is currently in English, in the translated versions of the list.

- Publication of the 13th annual report on the implementation of Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP;

The report was published in the Official Journal C 382 of 30 December 2011.

- Next steps in the elaboration of an information exchange mechanism with third countries aligning with the Common Position;

The Chair informed that the issue will be considered in the framework of the possible invitation to COARM of third countries benefitting from COARM outreach.

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- Next meetings of the Group

The next meeting of COARM is scheduled for 23 March 2012, all day.

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