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***Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Wednesday 28 March 2012
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1. Information exchange mechanism on export control issues with countries aligning with the Common Position

The Group had an exchange of views with representatives of South Eastern European countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia) on the EU proposal tabled in 2011 to set up an information exchange mechanism on export control issues with third countries that have aligned with Common Position 2008/944/CFSP.

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2. Outreach activities under Council Decision 2009/1012/CFSP and way forward

(i) Exchange of views with representatives of South Eastern European beneficiary countries under Council Decision 2009/1012/CFSP

The Group had an exchange views with representatives of South Eastern European beneficiary countries under Council Decision 2009/1012/CFSP on the assessment of EU outreach activities implemented to date, and on the elaboration of future EU activities in the field of arms export controls covering South Eastern Europe.

(ii) Consideration of further outreach activities

The Chair informed the Group about ongoing discussion with Commission services on the elaboration of a new Council Decision on COARM outreach. The Group urged the EEAS to circulate as soon as possible a draft for such Council Decision.

3. Information exchange regarding export policies towards specific destinations

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Delegations updated the group about the state of play of their domestic export control policy reviews.

4. Thematic discussion on COARM working methods

The Group continued discussions on the draft guidelines on COARM information exchanges on export control policies vis-à-vis sensitive destinations (cf. EAS/0105/12).

Delegations were invited to provide any further comments to the draft text, by 10 April 2012, on the basis of which the EEAS will circulate a revised draft for discussion at the next meeting. In the absence of any comments in writing no revised version of the draft guidelines will be produced.

5. Review of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP

The Group had a first exchange of views on the summary of the replies to the questionnaire (EAS/0394/12) and on the Food for thought paper by the EEAS (EAS/0418/12).

Delegations noted that the topic should be understood broadly to encompass the Common Position as well as questions related to its implementation (User's Guide, COARM working methods) and that the opportunity to revise any texts concerned should be carefully assessed.

Delegations were invited to provide further comments, by 18 April 2012, on the Food for thought paper as well as on the overall approach to the review process of the Common Position.

6. Wassenaar Arrangement (WA)

(i) *Head of Secretariat issue*

The Group had an exchange of views on the Head of Secretariat issue following the extraordinary Wassenaar Arrangement Plenary Meeting held on 16 March 2012 in Vienna, and following which the designation of the new Head of Secretariat is under silence procedure by the WA members with the deadline of 16 April 2012.

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(ii) Reporting issue

The Group had an exchange of views on the issue of the arms transfer notification obligations that Member States participating in the WA have to fulfil. **DELETED**

The Group agreed to return to the question prior to the next meeting of the WA General Working Group (15-17 May 2012).

7. Political dialogues with third countries

(i) Upcoming political dialogue meetings with third countries

The Chair informed the Group that next planned COARM political dialogue meetings will be held with Ukraine (24 April 2012, Brussels) and US (27 April 2012).

8. Any other business

- The Chair informed the Group that the revised EU Common Military List has been published in the Official Journal (OJ C 85, 22.3.2012, p. 1).
- DE informed the Group on an Export control seminar to be held in Berlin, 6-8 June 2012, on which capitals will be shortly informed.
- SI informed the Group on the 13th International Export Control Conference "Partnership in Non-proliferation", Portoroz, 7-9 May 2012 (cf. Coreu LU/0008/12).
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- The next meeting of the Group is scheduled for 26 April 2012.

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