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***Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Wednesday 10  
October 2012 CoB***

**1. Report from the Commission on transposition of Directive 2009/43/EC ("ICT  
Directive")**

The Commission presented its report on the transposition of Directive 2009/43 which is nearly finalised by Member States (cf. Council document 13950/12). The Commission indicated that it would, together with Member States, closely monitor the implementation of the Directive on which a report is envisaged in 2016. As to the implementation of the Directive, the question on the treatment of overseas territories was raised, on which delegations were invited to share information via coreu.

**2. Information exchange regarding export policies**

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Delegations wishing to propose further specific destinations were invited to do so via coreu no later than by 5 November COB (cf. guidelines on information exchange on specific destinations as agreed by COARM (cf. EAS/0867/12).

(ii) *Possible update on recent key developments of national export policies*

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

### **3. Review of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP**

The Group had a first exchange of views on the basis of the contributions **DELETED** (implementation of Criteria 7, coreu **DELETED**/0113/12), **DELETED** (implementation of criterion 8, coreu **DELETED**/0137/12) and the EEAS (improvement of COARM denial information exchange, coreu EAS/1414/12).

Delegation were invited to provide their comments on the three contributions by 19 October 2012 with a view to informing the discussion at next COARM meeting. It is understood that the authors may revise their contributions on this basis, prior to the meeting. The EEAS will also circulate a draft for Council Conclusions on the mid-term results of the Review process.

### **4. COARM outreach activities**

The Group confirmed that agreement in substance on the draft Council Decision on EU activities in order to promote the control of arms exports and the principles and criteria of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP ("COARM outreach activities", cf. EAS/1360/12), with a view to its adoption by the Council, via submission of the text to the RELEX Group by mid October. The Group agreed that a reference to confidentiality in the information exchange would be added in the preamble and that the necessary factual adjustments would be made to the references on ATT.

### **5. Preparation of the 14<sup>th</sup> EU annual report on arms exports**

The Group discussed the draft textual part of the 14<sup>th</sup> EU annual report on arms exports (cf. coreu EAS/1403/12).

Delegations were invited to provide their further comments by 12 October 2012, following which the EEAS will circulate a revised text for endorsement via silence procedure. The EEAS will also shortly distribute further elements of the draft report for possible comments.

### **6. Wassenaar Arrangement, General Working Group – Vienna, 16 - 18 October 2012**

The Group had an exchange of views on the draft EU Statement in support of Cyprus' membership (cf. coreu EAS/1396/12, **DELETED**). The Group noted its agreement on the content of the draft Statement. **DELETED**

The Group further discussed the question of reporting obligations, on which the situation is improving. **DELETED**

**DELETED** delegation indicated that it would revise its paper on End-use certificates and present it at the Wassenaar Arrangement General Working Group.

## **7. AOB**

- The next COARM-NGOs meeting is scheduled for 5 December 2012;
- Two meetings in the framework of the Council Decision on EU-Africa-China dialogue (Saferworld) are scheduled for 13-14 November 2012;
- The Group was updated about the next planned COARM political dialogues with third countries (US: VTC during the first half of October; Canada: VTC during the first half of November; Russia: meeting in the margins of the Wassenaar Arrangement Plenary in December; Norway: TBC). The launching of the dialogues with Israel and South Africa is being explored;
- The Group had a brief exchange of views on the desirable frequency of COARM meetings. The majority of delegations supported the current frequency of monthly meetings. If need be, the Group will return to this question in 2013.
- **DELETED** delegation put forward a question on the verification by Member States of information from brokers, and will provide further details via coreu;
- Next meetings of the Group are scheduled as follows  
  
15 November 2012: COARM ATT – full day;  
16 November 2012: COARM – full day;  
6 December 2012: COARM ATT – duration TBC;  
7 December 2012: COARM – duration TBC.

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