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***Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Tuesday 20
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1. Information exchange regarding export policies

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(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 as well as suspension/revocation policies vis-à-vis specific destinations.

2. Review of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP

(i) Council conclusions on the preliminary outcome of the review of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP

The Group reached agreement on draft Council Conclusions on the review of the Common Position 2008/944/CFSP defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment, as set out in Meeting doc. 28/2012, The conclusions will be adopted by the Foreign Affairs Council on 19 November 2012, via PSC and Coreper.

(ii) Discussion of contributions relating to the implementation of the Common Position

The Group continued its discussion on certain aspects of the implementation of the Common Position: the implementation of Criteria 7 (cf. ~~DELETED~~/0113/12, ~~DELETED~~/0097/12), the implementation of criterion 8 (cf. ~~DELETED~~/0137/12), and the improvement of the denial information exchange (cf. EAS/1414/12).

Delegations were invited any final comment on the three topics addressed, by 27 November 2012. On the basis of comments received, the EEAS will put forward a new set of draft guidelines for possible inclusion in/update of the User's Guide.

3. Wassenaar Arrangement

The Group discussed the outcome of the October 2012 WA General Working Group meeting, Vienna, 17-18 October 2012 (cf. coreu EAS/1622/12), and had an exchange of views in preparation for the December 2012 WA Plenary meeting, including on membership issues.

4. Arms brokering control

~~DELETED~~ the Group had an exchange of views, on the definition of brokering activities in national legislation and on the national implementation of brokering controls, including enforcement issues and cooperation and information-sharing at the EU level. ~~DELETED~~

5. Implementation of ICT Directive

The Group had an exchange of views on the implementation of the Intra-community Transfers ("ICT") Directive 2009/43/EC, in particular on aspects related to requirements of international import certificate (cf. coreu ~~DELETED~~/0262/12). In this respect, the Commission indicated that a meeting of the Committee on the implementation of the ICT Directive is convened for 6 February 2012, to address questions linked to the implementation of the Directive. It was also noted that the Directive is in principle applicable for the countries of the European Economic Area (EEA) and that practical aspects in this respect are being looked at. Furthermore, a harmonised approach is being developed for the application of the Directive as regards the "microstates".

6. AOB

The Chair informed the Group on:

- the organisation of the next COARM-NGOs meeting on 5 December 2012 (invitation letter and agenda to be soon circulated by NGOs organizing the event);

- the outcome of the seminars organised by Saferworld on China-EU-Africa dialogue on conventional arms exports (13-14 November 2012);
- the next planned COARM political dialogues with third countries (NO, CA, US, RU);
- the envisaged adoption, by the Foreign Affairs Council on 19 November 2012, of the Council Decision on support for Union activities in order to promote, among third countries, the control of arms exports and the principles and criteria of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP;
- the envisaged adoption of the 14th EU annual report on arms exports by the Foreign Affairs Council on 19 November 2012;
- next meetings of the Group: COARM ATT on 6 December and COARM on 7 December 2012.

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