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Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: <u>Thursday 28 February</u> 2013 CoB

1. Preparation of the March 2013 Conference - compatibility of the Treaty with EU acquis

The Group continue its discussion on a negotiating mandate for aspects of the ATT covered by EU exclusive competence, based on revised versions of the following documents:

- draft Council Decision on a negotiating mandate on aspects of the ATT covered by EU exclusive competences (cf. EAS/0195/13 doc. 6589/13);
- draft negotiating arrangements aiming at defining the role of the EU MS, the Commission, and the EEAS, during the negotiations, with a view to ensuring maximum continuity in the perceived role of the EU at the March 2013 Conference (cf. EAS/0194/13);
- Commission non paper containing necessary changes to the ATT to ensure compatibility with the EU *acquis*, in the absence of a RIO clause (cf. COARM MD 08/2013).

Delegations were invited to provide any further comments on the documents by 25 February 2015. The Chair will draw up compromise texts during the week of 25 February with a view to ascertaining delegations' positions, following which the matter will be referred to Coreper (session of 6 March 2013, t.b.c.) via ANTICI Group.

2. Preparation to the March 2013 Conference - outstanding issues in the 26 July 2012 draft Treaty

Following the endorsement of the paper on EU priorities for the March 2013 Conference, (coreu EAS/1836/12), the Group continued discussions on possible ways to address, through possible amendments, the topics raised in the paper. The Group also discussed proposals received from DELETED (MD 12/13).

Delegations were invited to provide further input via coreu on proposed text amendments for issues covered by the priority paper by 5 March 2013. On this basis, the EEAS will draw up a

consolidated text reflecting the key textual changes to the draft ATT that could be suggested by the EU during the Conference.

3. Further outreach activities in support of the ATT process

(i) New Council Decision in support of the ATT process

Delegations were briefed about the state of preparation of EU-sponsored seminar on ATT, to be held in Nyon, Geneva, on 28 February -1 March 2013 (MD 13/13).

(ii) Multi Donor Support Facility for the Arms Trade Treaty and the UN Programme of Action

The Group received a presentation by Mr Craig Maclachlan (Australia) concerning a proposed Multi-donor Support Facility for the Arms Trade Treaty and the UN Programme of Action (MD 11/13), an initiative announced during the Second Review Conference on the UN Programme of Action on SALW, supported by Australia and Germany.

(iii) Other outreach activities

Delegations exchanged information on other outreach activities planned or financed on a national basis, as well as side events planned during the ATT Conference. Delegations also exchanged information on the planned involvement of their members of parliament in the ATT Conference.

4. Contacts with third countries and other stakeholders

Delegations shared information on recent consultations on ATT conducted with third countries.

5. A.O.B.

The next meeting of COARM ATT is scheduled for 12 March 2013. There will be <u>no</u> meeting of COARM on 11 March.

In the margins of the meeting, delegations had an exchange of views with a representative of the Russian delegation to the March 2013 ATT Conference, Mr Alexander Deyneko, deputy Director of Department of security issues and disarmament of the Russian MFA.

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