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***Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Thursday 25 April 2013 CoB***

**1. Follow-up to the March 2013 Conference and adoption of the ATT by the UN GA**

*(i) Analysis of the Final ATT Conference and adopted Treaty*

Delegations exchanged views on the results of the UN Final Conference on the ATT and welcomed the adoption of the treaty by the UN General Assembly.

*(ii) Authorization by the Council to the EU MS to sign and ratify the ATT*

The Group discussed necessary steps in order to enable EU MS to sign and ratify the ATT. Delegations urged the Commission to make sure that the proposal for a Council Decision authorising EU MS to sign the ATT is tabled early enough in order to allow EU MS to sign the ATT as soon as it is open for signature. The Commission agreed to take into account delegations' caution against obliging all EU MS to sign the treaty on the first day. The Commission also undertook to provide appropriate legal explanations in the explanatory memorandum accompanying its proposal. Delegations agreed on the need to ensure the swift adoption of the Council Decision.

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**2. Further outreach activities in support of the ATT process**

*(i) Council Decision 2013/43/CFSP in support of the ATT process*

The Group discussed the scope and timing of the second and last seminar foreseen by Council Decision 2013/43/CFSP. Delegations agreed that it was advisable to hold the seminar in June 2013, focusing on potential beneficiary countries and their implementation challenges.

Delegations were invited to submit their recommendations as to which potential beneficiary countries to invite and topics to address by Friday 26 April 2013.

*(ii) Possible new Council Decision in support of universalisation and full implementation of the ATT*

The Group had a first exchange of views on the next steps to be taken. Delegations invited to plan EU support as soon as possible and to focus on capacity building and implementation issues. Delegations also asked to be informed on funding possibilities other than in the CFSP area. The Chair will consult the Commission in this regard, with a view to presenting an overview on possible funding instruments. Delegations are invited to submit further comments by Friday, 3 May 2013.

**3. Consideration of mainstreaming of ATT aspects in contractual relations between the EU and third countries.**

The Group had a first exchange of views. Delegations stressed the importance to remain flexible as there was a need to accommodate the expectable different situation of partner countries vis-à-vis the ATT and to take into account the lead of CODUN on this issue. The Group will revert to this issue at a forthcoming meeting.

**4. Contacts with third countries and other stakeholders**

The Chairman briefed the Group on consultations of the Special Envoy for Non-proliferation Jacek Bylica with third countries, DELETED during the UN Conference on ATT in March 2013.

**5. A.O.B.**

The Group discussed the possible merging of COARM ATT with COARM meetings. Delegations stressed the need to consider this in a pragmatic way, and underlined the importance to remain flexible. For the time being, COARM ATT will continue its work and meet, where relevant and appropriate, the same day as COARM.

The next meeting of COARM is scheduled for the morning of 29 May and COARM ATT on 29 May 2013 in the afternoon.

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