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Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Wednesday 5 June 2013 CoB

1. Issues relating to the signature and ratification of the ATT by EU Member States

(i) Council Decision authorising the signature and signature plans of EU Member States

The Group took note of the adoption of the Council Decision, on 27 May 2013, concerning the signing of the Arms Trade Treaty, and that a large majority of Member States envisage to sign the ATT at the signing ceremony in New York on 3 June 2013.

(ii) Signing ceremony

Delegations provided updated information relating to their level of representation.

(iii) Council Decision authorising the ratification

The Commission informed the Group on its intention to submit to the Council, in mid-June 2013, its proposal regarding the ratification of the ATT. In this regard, the Group called for securing the consent of the European Parliament as soon as possible.

The Group also supported to further discuss the interplay between Common Position 2008/944/CFSP and the ATT, notably with regard to the possible provisional application of article 6 and 7 of the Treaty. To this end, delegations were invited to transmit their comments by 28 June 2013.

2. Further outreach activities in support of the ATT process

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

The Group was updated on the preparations for the second seminar under Council Decision 2013/43/CFSP, on 17-18 June 2018 in Geneva (cf. MD 30/13 and 31/13). The Group agreed to the advisability of inviting NGOs to the event.

(ii) Other outreach activities

Delegations exchanged information on their outreach activities.

3. Possible new Council Decision in support of effective implementation of the ATT

The Group discussed issues relating to possible EU activities to support the effective implementation of the ATT, based on meeting documents 35/13 and 36/13, and agreed to return to this topic at its next meeting, also in the light of the 17-18 June ATT Seminar. Delegations were invited to transmit their comments on MD 35/13 by 12 June 2013.

4. Contacts with third countries and other stakeholders

(i) Delegations will be invited to share information on recent consultations on ATT with third countries.

The EEAS and delegations exchanged information on their recent contacts with third countries.

(ii) Possible EU demarche in support of the ATT signature

The Group supported the opportunity of EU demarches, once all Member States have signed the ATT, towards selected third countries to support the signing of the ATT. The EEAS will draft the Terms of Reference and suggest a list of countries to be demarched in the light of information on the early signatories.

5. A.O.B.

The next meetings of the Group is scheduled for 9 July 2013 (full day).

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