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Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Monday 4 February 2013 CoB

1. Preparation to the March 2013 Conference and outstanding issues in the 26 July 2012 draft Treaty - compatibility of the Treaty with EU acquis

The Group had an exchange of views on the revised draft Council Decision on a negotiating mandate on aspects of the ATT covered by EU exclusive competence (coreu EAS/0058/13), the draft negotiating arrangements aiming at defining the role of the EU MS, the Commission, and the EEAS during the negotiations (coreu COM/0003/13), as well as the Commission non-paper indicating necessary changes to the ATT to ensure compatibility with the EU *acquis* (MD 02/2013).

Delegations were invited to provide in writing, by 6 February 2013 COB, their further written comments on the three documents. On the basis of comments received, the EEAS and the Commission will draw up a revised set of texts with a view to the next meeting of the Group.

2. Preparation to the March 2013 Conference and outstanding issues in the 26 July 2012 draft Treaty - compatibility of the Treaty with EU acquis

The Group endorsed the paper by the EEAS (coreu EAS/1836/12) identifying the main elements on which future EU coordination efforts and request for amendments of the Treaty text should focus.

Delegations were invited to provide, via coreu by 13 February 2013, their views as to the possible ways to address, through possible amendments, the topics raised in the paper.

Delegations were also invited to identify and share their views on elements in the present draft ATT text that should be defended in the negotiations. On the basis of contributions received, the EEAS would prepare a compilation of such elements.

3. Further outreach activities in support of the ATT process

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

The Group continued discussions on the implementation of the Council Decision 2013/43/CFSP of 22 January 2013 on continued Union activities in support of the Arms Trade Treaty negotiations, on the basis of a proposal for an agenda and a list of invitees for the first Seminar under the Decision, provided by the EU non-proliferation consortium (MD 03/2013 and 04/2013).

Delegations were invited to provide their further comments on the seminar by 31 January 2013, with a view to a revised draft agenda to be drawn up and endorsed by 4 February 2013.

(ii) Other outreach activities

Delegations (BE, DK, DE, NL, AT, SE, UK) shared information on outreach activities planned or financed on a national basis.

4. Contacts with third countries and other stakeholders

Delegations shared information on recent consultations on ATT conducted with third countries. The Group agreed with the EEAS proposal to seek opportunities for further consultations of COARM ATT with India, Russian Federation, the United States, and China.

In the margins of the meeting delegations had an informal exchange of views with Ambassador Peter Woolcott (AU), Chair-designate of the ATT Conference.

The next meeting COARM ATT is scheduled for 21 February 2013 (all day).

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