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***Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Thursday 19 September 2013
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1. Contribution from the COHOM working party on criterion 2

The Group discussed the incorporation of the COHOM input regarding human rights aspects of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP (cf. EAS/0386/13) into the regular work of COARM, on the basis an EEAS options paper (EAS/1092/13). The Group endorsed the reference to human rights country strategies in the User's guide and the development of short guidelines for the real cases-based exchange on national practices. Delegations noted that the exchange on national practices should remain Member States driven and not create undue administrative burden. The COARM Chair will present the existing information-sharing channels in COHOM and inform on their possible use to report human rights-related concerns, subject to appropriate coordination at national level.

2. Information exchange regarding export policies

(i) Exchange of views on export policies **DELETED**

The Group had an exchange of views and updates regarding export policies **DELETED** based on the **DELETED** request outlined in **DELETED** /0103/13, **DELETED**.

Delegations agreed to continue informing one another on national export policies **DELETED** notably via coreu and through the relevant regular agenda item in COARM ("possible update on recent key developments of national export policies"). This follow-up information exchange should address, notably, the state-of-play of the suspensions currently imposed. The next COARM meetings will revert to this follow-up information exchange with a view to assessing its relevance. In this regard, delegations that have not yet done so were strongly encouraged to circulate in writing details of their export control policies **DELETED** and of their implementation of the Council conclusions of 21 August 2013.

(ii) Possible update on recent key developments of national export policies

Certain delegations updated the Group about the state of play of their domestic export control policy reviews as well as on any suspension/revocation policies vis-à-vis specific destinations.

4. Development of the COARM online system

The Group was updated on the next steps regarding the development of the COARM online system, notably as regards possible additional information sharing on licences granted to post-embargoed/specific destinations (cf. EAS/0210/13) as well as the management of the online system development and the relating issues (MD 46/13).

Regarding the additional information-sharing on licences granted to post embargoed/specific destinations and further to the initial discussion in February 2013, the Group noted the advisability of further discussion on the specificities of the information-sharing. **DELETED**

4. Preparation of the 15th EU annual report on arms exports

The Group addressed the preparation of the 15th EU annual report on arms exports. Delegations were invited to transmit their comments to the draft textual part of the (EAS/1083/13), by 20 September 2013. On this basis, the EEAS will revise the text and submit it for endorsement under silence procedure.

Delegations, not yet done so, were urged to return their national data with a view to compiling annexes to the report, as soon as possible.

5. COARM Political dialogues

The Group was informed on the past and planned political dialogues with Canada (17 September 2013) and the USA (26 September 2013).

6. AOB

- The Group was informed on the state of play regarding the notification of national competent authorities in charge of Regulation 258/2012 (implementing the UN Firearms Protocol).
- The Group was informed of the upcoming EU non proliferation consortium conference (Brussels, 30 September - 1 October 2013).
- Next meeting of COARM is scheduled for 4 October 2013 (AM), and COARM ATT for 4 October 2013 (PM).

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