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Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Friday 22 November 2013
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1. Information exchange regarding export policies

The Group had an exchange views and updates on export policies [DELETED] and had the opportunity to update on their policies [DELETED] in the wake of the August 2013 Council conclusions. As regards arms-related restrictive measures [DELETED], the Group agreed on the advisability to get further clarity from the competent Working Party as to the scope of prohibited recipients.

2. Possible additional information-sharing on licences granted to specific destinations

The Group reverted to the issue of possible additional information-sharing on licences granted to specific / post-embargoed destinations, based the revised EEAS food-for-thought paper (EAS/1329/13). With a view to informing discussions at the next meeting of COARM, delegations were invited to provide further comments in writing by 29 November 2013.

3. Tasking by the Relex working group to review the list of equipment which might be used for internal repression

Delegations reverted to the tasking by the Relex Group, as notified in doc. 13679/13, to review the list of equipment which might be used for internal repression (currently set out in Annex II of doc. 11205/12), [DELETED] MD 50/13). Delegations agreed that the technical review [DELETED] proposals should be undertaken by an ad hoc sub-group of relevant national experts.

In order to set up such ad hoc group, interested delegations were invited to notify, by 22 November 2013, the Council Secretariat and the COARM Chair of their experts. The [DELETED] delegation volunteered to act as Rapporteur of the ad hoc sub-group. The Secretariat will maintain a mailing list of the experts appointed and make it available to the Rapporteur and the COARM Chair. In their e-mail exchanges, experts will, as a rule, copy the Secretariat and the COARM Chair.

4. Wassenaar Arrangement, Plenary meeting – Vienna, 3-4 December 2013

The Group addressed issues related to the upcoming plenary meeting of the Wassenaar Arrangement, and notably the pending membership applications. The EEAS will put forward the usual draft statement in support of the Cyprus membership under silence procedure.

5. Development of the COARM online system

The Group took note of the outcome of the silence procedure on the declassification of denials, initiated by EAS/1374/13, and the next steps of the development of the future system.

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

The Group was informed on the next steps regarding the preparation of the 15th EU annual report on arms exports, and took note of the possibility to have it adopted by the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 16 December 2013. The Council Secretariat and the EEAS will investigate the possibility of making the report publicly available upon its adoption, pending its subsequent publication in the Official Journal.

7. Preparations for the annual CODUN CONOP COARM Directors meeting and the EU-28 Dialogue with the US

The Chair informed the Group on preparations for the meetings of the CODUN-CONOP-COARM Directors scheduled for 12 December and the EU28-US dialogue scheduled for 13 December 2013. The agendas for the meetings will be issued shortly. In the context of the Directors' meeting and the discussion on the implementation of their recommendations from the June 2013 retreat, the Chair informed the Group on the agreement in principle by COARM-CODUN ATT to merge ATT-related items into the COARM agenda (cf. SEC/0818/13).

8. Exchange of views on the next COARM/NGO meeting (12 December 2013, tbc)

The Group had an exchange views with a view to the next annual COARM/NGO meeting. In line with the discussions by COARM ATT of 14 November 2013, the EEAS will explore the possibility for organising the COARM/NGO meeting back-to-back with the COARM meeting of 9 December 2013, or the following COARM meeting in January 2014, to be confirmed as soon as possible.

9. AOB

- The **DELETED** delegation informed the Group on the on-going discussions at the Dual-Use Coordination Group on export control issues related to "**additive manufacturing**" (3-D printing). COARM will be informed of the outcome of this work.
- The **next meeting** of the Group is scheduled for 9 December 2013 (COARM in the morning, and COARM ATT in the afternoon).

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