

LIMITE
FM SEC COREU
TO ALL COREU URGENT
CFSP/SEC/0892/13
111213 0916Z
ACRONYM COARM CODUN
SUBJECT COARM CODUN - Meeting of interested members of COARM and CODUN on Arms
Trade Treaty (ATT) - Brussels, 9 December 2013 - Report
TEXT

DOCUMENT PARTIALLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

SUBJECT: COARM CODUN - Meeting of interested members of COARM and CODUN on Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) - Brussels, 9 December 2013 – Report

***Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Friday 13 December 2013
CoB***

1. Council decision authorising the ATT ratification

Delegations provided information on the state of their domestic ratification process and their degree of readiness to deposit their instruments of ratification. With a view to the next parliamentary steps, delegations reiterated the importance to secure the EP consent and the subsequent adoption of the Council Decision on the ratification as soon as possible. Delegations pointed out the advisability of a collective event or a statement when ratifications from many Member States will materialise in the wake of the EU authorisation. The Group will revert to this topic at its meeting in January 2014.

2. Contacts with third countries and other stakeholders and national outreach and assistance activities in support of the ATT process

i) Contacts with third countries and other stakeholders

The EEAS gave an update on additional feed-back received from EU Delegations following the EU demarche in support of the ATT.

ii) National outreach and assistance activities

Delegations exchanged information on their outreach and assistance activities they engage in nationally, including as regards their contributions to the UN Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR). The need to seek complementarity, to the extent possible, between the activities under UNSCAR and the Council Decision on the ATT was noted.

3. Paper on EU's future role in ATT-related outreach and assistance

The Group had a preliminary discussion on the draft "20 page paper" on the EU's future role in ATT-related outreach and assistance as foreseen by Council Decision 2013/43/CFSP and circulated under COARM MD 51/2013. Delegations were invited to send written comments and proposals for amendments by e-mail to the COARM Chair and the Council Secretariat by 13 December 2013.

4. Draft Council decision on EU activities in support of the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty

The Group was informed that the Council Decision in support of the ATT (cf. doc. 15352/13) is scheduled for adoption by the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 16 December 2013.

5. ATT Resolution in the UNGA

The Group shared assessments regarding the vote by the UNGA (5 December 2013) of the ATT Resolution.

6. EU demarche in support of the ATT/ Terms of reference for the second part

The Group had a preliminary discussion on the draft Terms of Reference for the second part of the EU demarche in support of the ATT as circulated under EAS/1492/13. On the basis of comments made during the discussion, the EEAS will circulate shortly a revised version subject to a short deadline for possible additional comments. The version as possibly further revised will be finally circulated under silence procedure expiring before the Christmas break.

7. ATT Secretariat

The Group reverted briefly to the issues relating to the ATT Secretariat. Delegations that have not yet done so were invited to send written comments by 20 December 2013.

8. Merging ATT agenda item into COARM

Further to the agreement in principle to merge the ATT agenda into the regular COARM agenda, the Group reverted to some practical issues raised by the merging as addressed in MD 52/2013. The Group agreed that ATT issues would no longer be addressed in the format of "interested members of COARM and CODUN" but merged, as from January 2014, into the regular COARM agenda. CODUN will be informed of this agreement.

9. Inclusion of ATT language in a standard clause to be proposed in agreements between the EU and third countries

The Chair informed the Group on the state-of-play of developing a draft text for a clause with language on the ATT. The Group will return to this topic at its meeting in January 2014.

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

The Chair informed the Group of the annual CODUN CONOP COARM Directors meeting and the EU-28 Dialogue with the US, scheduled for 12 and 13 December 2013, both of which will address the ATT (SEC/0859/13 and EAS/1494/13).

11. A.O.B.

- The Chair informed the Group on the state-of-play of setting up the **ad hoc working groups on the inclusion of ATT-related guidance into the User's Guide** of the Common Position, where a rapporteur for the topic of terrorism/organised crime is still to be designated. After any additional designations of experts by Member States by 13 December, the list of experts will be circulated to the rapporteurs and the Group.
- The Chair informed the Group that the date of the **COARM/NGO meeting** will be confirmed as soon as dates of working parties in 2014/I are confirmed. .

- The **DELETED** delegation raised the question of the opportunity to take initiatives towards increased consistency between arms exports control lists and the harmonised system nomenclature of the **World Customs Organization** (WCO), notably following the adoption of the legally binding ATT.
- The **next meeting** of COARM is scheduled for 15 January 2014, t.b.c.

SEC COREU

END OF TEXT/FIN DE TEXTE