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***Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Thursday 10 October 2013
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1. Issues relating to the ratification of the ATT by EU Member States

(i) Council decision authorising the ratification

The Group was updated on the consent process at the European Parliament regarding the Council Decision authorising the ratification of the ATT by Member States. Delegations provided information on the state-of-play of their national procedures on ratification. Delegations urged to secure the EP consent and final adoption of the Decision by the Council as soon as possible, against the background of the completion of the national ratification procedures in a number of Member States.

(ii) Issue of interpretative declarations

The Group reverted to the issue of possible interpretative declarations. The Group will return to the matter on the basis of any written comments to be received by 1 November 2013. Delegations were also invited to comment on the same occasion the issue of provisional application of Articles 6 and 7 of the ATT.

(iii) Interplay with Common Position 2008/944/CFSP and possible amendments to the User's guide

The Group reverted to the issue of possible amendments to the User's guide to the Common Position 2008/944/CFSP. The Group will readdress this issue on the basis of delegations' written comments to be received by 1 November 2013. Delegations were also invited to comment, via coreu by 15 October 2013, the non-paper of 11 September 2013 on possible next steps in the ATT, circulated by the UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.

2. National outreach and assistance activities in support of the ATT process

Delegations exchanged information on their outreach and assistance activities at national level.

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

The Group discussed the revised draft of the Council Decision in support of the ATT implementation (MD 45 REV 1/2013) and endorsed its overall content, the volume of and articulation between activities, as well as the selection of the Implementing Agency.

On the basis of the editorial comments received at the meeting, the EEAS will further revise the draft and transmit it to delegations with a short deadline for possible final comments , with a view to final swift endorsement at COARM level.

4. UNGA-related issues

The Group was updated by the delegations concerned on the preparation of the Resolution on the ATT to be tabled in the UNGA First Committee.

5. Contacts with third countries and other stakeholders

(i) EU demarche in support of the ATT signature

The EEAS informed the Group on the state of play of the EU demarche in support of the ATT signature (cf. EAS/1175/13). The EEAS will provide further information upon feed-back from the last demarches, and will also address the question of the second set of third countries not yet demarched.

(ii) Information-sharing on recent consultations with third countries

The EAS shared information on recent consultations on ATT with third countries.

6. A.O.B.

- The Group was informed of the next meeting of the Expert Working Group (Brussels, 13 November 2013) in the framework of Council Decision 2012/121/CFSP in support of activities to promote EU-China-Africa dialogue and cooperation on conventional arms controls.
- The next meeting of COARM ATT is scheduled for 14 November 2013 (full day), and COARM for 15 November 2013 (morning). The next COARM ATT is also expected to address the possible merging of COARM and COARM ATT, with a view to the CONOP-CODUN-COARM meeting at Director level in December 2013. Delegations were consequently invited to come prepared to address this specific issue.

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