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Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Friday, 12 July 2013 CoB

1. Contribution from the COHOM working party on criterion 2

In the presence of the COHOM Chair, the Group had an in depth discussion on the COHOM contribution on criterion 2. Some of the proposals put forward in the COHOM contribution will be re-addressed by the Group, based on an EEAS non paper that will notably explore how those proposals in question can concretely develop within the existing COARM information-sharing channels.

2. Information exchange regarding export policies

*Application of COARM-relevant aspects of Regulation No 258/2012 (Cf **DELETED**/113/13)*

The Group discussed the application of COARM-relevant aspects of Regulation No 258/2012 on the implementation of Article 10 of the UN firearms Protocol. Delegations noted the advisability to limit the administrative burden for national competent authorities and to rely as much as possible on the existing denial notification system.

The Group agreed to revert to this issue at the next meeting, based on consolidated positions of Member States. In this regard, Member States are invited to elaborate consolidated positions on the proposals put forward in Coreu **DELETED**/113/13.

COARM delegates are invited to remind their competent authorities of the necessity to inform the European Commission of the national authorities competent for the implementation of Regulation No 258/2012.

3. Draft Council Decision in support of a global reporting mechanism on illicit conventional weapons and ammunition to reduce the risk of their illicit trade ("iTrace")

The Group was briefed on the draft Council Decision in support of a global reporting mechanism on illicit conventional weapons and ammunition to reduce the risk of their illicit trade ("iTrace"), which is currently discussed in CODUN. COARM will remain fully informed of the next steps, with a view to the finalisation of the Council Decision by CODUN.

4. COARM Political dialogues

The Chair informed the Group on past and planned political dialogues with Norway (27 June 2013), the USA (postponed to September), the Ukraine (5 July 2013) and Canada (12 July 2013).

5. AOB

The Group was notably updated on the recent debate in the European Parliament on arms exports and the subsequent adoption of a Resolution in the EP plenary on 4 July 2013 and on the development of the COARM online system.

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