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The General Secretariat of the Council would like to inform all Partners that COREU message:

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## 1. Business and Human Rights

The Commission presented its new communication on Corporate Social Responsibility with a focus on its external dimension. Member States welcomed the emphasis in the Communication on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (preparation of report on EU priorities in the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles in 2012; proposal of national implementation plans of Member States).

Operational Conclusions:

• COHOM received a presentation from the European Commission on the Communication "A renewed EU strategy 2011-14 for Corporate Social Responsibility" with a focus on its external dimension.

- COHOM welcomed the emphasis in the Communication on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the envisaged cooperation with the Working Group of the UN Human Rights Council on business and human rights and expressed its strong interest to participate in its effective implementation, in particular regarding the proposed report on EU priorities in the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles.
- COHOM delegates were encouraged to liaise with those authorities at national level responsible for CSR on the follow-up to the Communication, including on the proposal for EU Member States to develop national plans for the implementation of the Guiding Principles by the end of 2012.
- COHOM invited the EEAS to continue to integrate issues related to business and human rights and the implementation of the Guiding Principles in relevant human rights dialogues and consultations.
- COHOM will liaise with relevant Council Working Groups involved in the follow-up to the Communication, in particular the TPC on Services and Investment, the GSP WG and CODEV, and will revert to this issue in due course.

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