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The General Secretariat of the Council would like to inform all Partners that  
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has been partially declassified as indicated below:

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## **8. Business and Human Rights**

COHOM received an update on the implementation of the 2011 Commission Communication "A renewed EU strategy 2011-2012 for Corporate Social Responsibility" in particular regarding development of sector specific guidelines on human rights. DG Enterprise informed that three sectors (ICT, Oil/Gas and the recruitment/employment agencies) have been selected to be covered by the guidelines. The report on EU priorities for the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on business and human rights will be published at the end of the year and the Commission requested input from Member States. At the moment the Commission has started a mapping exercise to examine what actions the EU has already undertaken and what else should be done for the implementation of each of the Guiding Principles. The EEAS provided an update on the different seminars on business and human rights that have been organised in third countries as part of human rights dialogues and consultations and the projects financed under the EIDHR. One delegation invited all delegations to their high level

conference on business and human rights on 7-8 May in Copenhagen. Member States were invited to provide information on efforts underway in the drafting of national plans of action for the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Several delegations provided an update on their national action plans and the DG Employment indicated its readiness to provide advice.

*Operational Conclusions:*

- COHOM received a presentation from the European Commission and the EEAS on the progress in the implementation of the Communication “A renewed EU strategy 2011-14 for Corporate Social Responsibility” as regard external relations.
- COHOM delegates were invited to provide written input on which UN Guiding Principles and what actions should be included in the report on the EU priorities for the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on business and human rights, to be published by the end of 2012. The EEAS and the Commission will continue to update the Group on the drafting of the report through the year.
- COHOM delegates were encouraged to liaise with those authorities responsible at national level on the question of developing national action plans for the implementation of the Guiding Principles by the end of 2012.

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