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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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1. Business and human rights:

COHOM discussed the progress made in the implementation of action 25 'Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights' of the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy. COM informed about the state of play on the development of various activities which are undertaken in this field following the 2011 Communication on Corporate Social Responsibility, in particular the forthcoming guide on small and medium enterprises, the future human rights guidance for the three chosen sectors (employment and recruitment agencies, ICT/telecommunications and oil and gas) and the report on EU priorities for further implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. COM has also the intention to put forward a legislative proposal on non-financial disclosure by companies. Several Member States updated COHOM on the progress made towards the elaboration of the

national action plans on business and human rights, as mentioned in the Action Plan. COM highlighted the ongoing work also in this regard in the High Level Group on CSR.

The preparations of the first UN Forum on Business and Human Rights (3-5 December 2012, Geneva) were well underway and the EEAS informed about the participation of the EUSR for Human Rights in the Forum. The Forum has a multi-stakeholder nature gathering states representatives, business community as well as civil society. A large number of participants had already been confirmed.

Operational conclusions:

- COHOM welcomed the update provided and the progress made in the implementation of Action 25 of the Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy on Business and Human Rights, in particular the development by the European Commission of sector guidance on employment and recruitment agencies, ICT/telecommunications and oil and gas, the forthcoming guide on small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as the work related to the report on EU priorities for the effective implementation of the UN Guiding Principles.
- COHOM welcomed the work under way in many Member States on national plans and encouraged to share experiences including the template developed by the COM in the framework of the High-Level Group on CSR.
- COHOM welcomed the preparation for the first meeting of the UN Forum for on Business and Human Rights and the participation of the EUSR for Human Rights in the high-level segment of the meeting. COHOM stressed the importance of an active participation of the EU and Member States in the Forum so as to make the views of EU heard throughout the meeting.
- COHOM invited EUDEL and Member States in Geneva to exchange information on the level of participation in the meeting and to engage with third countries in order to encourage their active participation in the meeting.

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