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***Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Wednesday 2  
May 2012 CoB.***

**1. Information exchange regarding export policies towards specific  
destinations**

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**2. Continuation of COARM outreach activities**

The Group continue its discussion on further outreach activities on the basis of a draft Council Decision on "EU activities in order to promote the control of arms exports and the principles and criteria of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP among third countries" (Coreu EAS/0560/12 of 19 April 2012).

The Chair informed the Group that the proposal could be shortly complemented by a further element **DELETED** regarding a web-portal for beneficiary countries.

**DELETED** Delegations also expressed support for the insertion in the draft Decision of provisions allowing broadening the group of beneficiaries through a decision by COARM.

It was recalled that after the agreement by the thematic Working Party on the content of the draft Decision, the Commission services would establish, following

negotiations with the Implementing Agency, the Budgetary Impact Statement (BIS). After agreement by the Foreign Relations Counsellors Group (RELEX) to the text of the Decision and the BIS, the Decision would be submitted, via Coreper, to the Council for adoption.

**Delegations were invited to provide their comments, via Coreu, by 11 May 2012, on the basis of which the EAES will revise the proposal with a view to the examination and possible endorsement at the meeting of COARM on 30 May 2012.**

### **3. Draft guidelines on COARM information exchanges on export control policies vis-à-vis specific destinations**

On the basis of comments received by delegations, the Group discussed, and broadly welcomed, the revised draft guidelines for COARM information exchanges on specific destinations (Coreu EAS/0597/12).

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**Taking into account the comments presented at the meeting, and those to be received via Coreu by 11 May 2012, the EEAS will submit a finalised version of the draft Guidelines for endorsement via silence procedure.**

### **4. Review of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP**

The Group continued its exchange of views on the Food for Thought paper for the Review of the Common Position (Coreu EAS/0418/12), with a view to establishing the Terms of Reference for the review.

The Group also discussed the question of the respective interpretation and scope of the Common Position and Directive 2009/43 "Simplifying terms and conditions of transfers of defense-related products within the Community" ("ICT Directive").

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The Group agreed, in the first instance, to examine which elements, if any, of the text of the Common Position should be amended, on which topic Council conclusions could be envisaged as a first deliverable of the review. Subsequently, the review would be continued on the basis of the Food for Thought paper (as amended).

**Delegations were invited to provide their further comments on the Food for Thought paper, via Coreu, by 11 May 2012, with a view to the EEAS preparing a**

**revised document for the meeting of 30 May 2012 for a conclusive discussion on the way forward.**

## **5. Wassenaar Arrangement (WA)**

### *(i) Head of Secretariat issue*

The Group had an exchange of views on the recent appointment of the New Zealand Ambassador as the new Head of Secretariat **DELETED**

### *(ii) Preparation of the May 2012 WA General Working Group*

The Group had an exchange of information and views in preparation to the next WA GWG:

- The Group discussed the issue of the EU Statement in support of Cyprus' membership application **DELETED** **As a result of the discussion, the EEAS undertook to submit a draft EU statement for a silence procedure.**
- Delegations exchanged information on the issue of the fulfilment of reporting commitments **DELETED**.
- SE informed the Group of a technical meeting it will organise on 14 May 2012 on end-user certificates.
- PL informed the Group on the priorities of its upcoming chairmanship of the WA GWG.

## **6. Preparation of the 14<sup>th</sup> EU annual report on arms exports**

The EEAS informed the Group that the reporting templates for the preparation of the 14<sup>th</sup> EU annual report will be shortly circulated to delegations. **Delegations were invited to transmit their national inputs to the EU report by 22 June 2012, with a view to ensuring its timely publication.**

## **7. Political dialogues with third countries**

The EEAS informed the Group on the outcome of the political dialogue meetings with Serbia (17 April 2012, cf. Coreu EAS/0594/12) and with Ukraine (24 April 2012), and on the upcoming COARM political dialogue meeting with the US (27 April 2012).

**8. Any other business**

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- Next meetings of the Group

The next meeting of COARM is scheduled for 30 May 2012. In addition, the meeting of COARM with Saferworld will be held on 29 May 2012 at the Danish Permanent Representation. The next meetings of COARM ATT will be held on 24 and 31 May 2012.

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