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**UPDATED PRIORITIES AND WORK PROGRAMMES OF
CONOP, CODUN AND COARM WORKING PARTIES
IN 2012**

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C). **PRIORITIES AND WORK PROGRAMME OF THE
WORKING PARTY ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS EXPORTS (COARM) IN 2012**

I. PRIORITIES

- *Conduct the review of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP three years after its adoption;*
- *Ensure EU coordination and input in the Arms Trade Treaty negotiating process;*
- *Prepare and adopt a new Council Decision on COARM outreach activities in countries in the Western Balkans and European Neighbourhood.*

II. WORK PROGRAMME

1. Review of Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP of 8 December 2008 defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment (Common Position provides for a review three years after its adoption)

- *to continue the assessment of the implementation of the Common Position three years after its adoption on the basis of the questionnaire prepared by the EEAS (COARM DS 39/11);*
- *to develop a thematic discussion in COARM to identify priorities for the Review of the Common Position and possible measures,, on the basis of EEAS discussion paper(s) summarizing MS contributions and proposing possible measures for consideration by COARM (one or more WG meetings fully or partly devoted to this);*
- *to reach conclusions on the result of the Review and, where appropriate and necessary, to start the procedure to amend the text of the Common Position, and/or to update and further develop the User's Guide, and/or to develop additional tools aimed at improving and harmonizing the implementation of the Common Position;*
- *to consider the review together with the transposition into national legislations of Directive 2009/43/EC on intra-EU transfers of defence-related products (to be transposed before July 2011 and implemented starting from July 2012).*

2. Arms Trade Treaty (item discussed in the dedicated COARM ATT sub-group)

- *to continue EU coordination ahead of the February 2011 PrepCom session and in the run-up to the 2012 UN Conference, including through further elaboration EU internal position papers (i.e. further elaboration of EU non-paper);*
- *to further develop outreach vis-à-vis the main stakeholders in the ATT process, including through dedicated consultations with USA, Russia, and China;*
- *to complete the implementation of Council Decision 2010/336/CFSP of 14 June 2010 in support of the ATT, including through participation of EU experts in outreach events. Activities to be conducted in 2012 will include:*
 - *three regional seminars to be organized by July 2012;*

- *three research papers to be commissioned;*
- *possible extra event to be financed with unspent funds;*
- *to ensure the adoption and implementation of a new Council Decision on China-EU-Africa dialogue in the field of conventional weapons, including ATT (jointly with CODUN).*

3. Outreach activities

- *to conduct an assessment of results achieved in the implementation of Council Decision 2009/1012/CFSP and further assistance needs of beneficiary countries, including through consultations with EU and external experts, and representative of beneficiary countries;*
- *to develop, adopt and start implementing a new Council Decision to promote the principles of the Common Position and the EU policy in the field of conventional arms export controls.*

4. Harmonization of EU MS export control policies, in particular vis-à-vis sensitive destinations

- *to continue the regular exchange of information on Member States' export control policies vis-à-vis destinations of concern;*
- *to consider possible ways to improve and further substantiate such exchange of information with a view to ensure timely access to relevant information and further harmonization in MS's policies, including through the development of an improved and real-time secure denial database.*

5. Information exchange with third countries aligning with Common Position 20087944/CFSP

- *to finalize negotiations with countries aligning to the Common Position on the proposed information exchange mechanism (COARM DS 07/11), including through consultations with representatives of the concerned third countries during dedicated COARM sessions;*
- *to apply and fully implement the information exchange mechanism following its formal adoption by COARM.*

6. Wassenaar Arrangement

- *to ensure appropriate EU coordination ahead of Wassenaar Arrangement (WA) General Working Group and Plenary meetings;*
- *to continue discussion on proposals being considered by the WA, including on membership applications;*

- *to consider possibilities to ensure visibility in the WA of EU outreach activities.*

7. Political cooperation with third countries

- *to prepare six-monthly political dialogue meetings at the level of COARM with Norway, Russia, Ukraine, and the USA, coordinating EU messages with EU MS in advance of the meetings;*
- *to establish yearly annual political dialogue meetings at the level of COARM with Israel, Serbia, and South Africa, coordinating EU messages with EU MS in advance of the meetings;*
- *to consider the establishment of new political dialogue meetings at the level of COARM with other major arms producers and exporters.*

8. Dialogue with civil society and European Parliament

- *to further dialogue with civil society through up to two COARM-NGO meetings per year;*
- *to re-establish and further develop relations with the European Parliament including through dedicated hearing on COARM activities.*

9. Publication of annual report on the implementation of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP and update of EU Common Military List

- *to ensure timely preparation of the 14th annual report on the implementation of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP covering arms exports in 2011, with a view to its publication in fall 2012;*
- *to ensure timely adoption of the EU Common Military List in early 2012.*

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2012 WORKING PARTY DATES (INDICATIVE)

<u>CONOP</u> 20 January 14 February 20 March 23 April 22 May 12 June 4 July 6 September 10 October 9 November 12 December	<u>CODUN</u> 19 January 13 February 21 March 24 April 23 May 13 June 6 July 11 September 25 September 8 November 13 December
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¹ If needed, COARM CODUN ATT meetings might also take place during the second half of days reserved for COARM meetings.