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Agenda
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Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Tuesday 5 June 2012 CoB.

1. Information exchange regarding export policies towards specific destinations

The Group had an exchange views and updates regarding export policies DELETED.

Delegations also updated the group about the state of play of their domestic export control policy reviews.

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2. Continuation of COARM outreach activities

The Group continued its discussion on further outreach activities on the basis of a revised 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/0782/12 of 29 May 2012). The Group also received a presentation DELETED on a web-portal to enhance arms export controls in third countries (cf. MD 14/12), suggested to be included in the activities under the Council Decision.

It was clarified that the web-portal is not envisaged to have classified content while the access to some parts of it would be reserved for the beneficiary countries of the Council Decision. Also, the vetting role of the COARM regarding the portal would be agreed by COARM itself and, at first stage, would be limited to clear the launching of the site as a whole.

The draft Council Decision (Coreu EAS/0782/12) was put under silence procedure for endorsement by the group, with the deadline of 15 June 2012 CoB

3. Guidelines on COARM information exchanges on export control policies vis-à-vis specific destinations

The Group discussed, and broadly welcomed, the revised draft guidelines for COARM information exchanges on specific destinations (Coreu EAS/0783/12 of 29 May 2012).

Taking into account the comments presented at the meeting (consistency between paragraph 1.1 and the Annex), 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 basis of a revised Food for Thought paper for the Review of the Common Position (Coreu EAS/0785/12 of 29 May 2012).

In this context, the Group recalled 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") DELETED.

The Group also recalled the suggestion to present to the public a) preliminary findings of the review (regarding the text of the Common Position) and b) the more detailed findings at the end of the review (regarding the implementation).

The text of the "Food for Thought" paper (Coreu EAS 0785/12) was put under silence procedure with the deadline of 13 June 2012 CoB, with a view to agreeing the Terms of Reference for the review.

5. Wassenaar Arrangement (WA)

The Group discussed the outcome of the WA general working group held in Vienna on 14-16 May 2012 (cf. Coreu EAS/0786/12).

6. Political dialogues with third countries

The Chair informed the Group on the outcome of the political dialogue meetings with Ukraine and the USA (report in Coreu EAS/0693/12) and on the next planned political dialogue meetings with Norway (1 June 2012) and Canada (7 June 2012).

7. COARM/Saferworld seminar held on 29 May 2012

The Chair and delegations shared their assessment of the seminar held at the Danish Permanent Representation in Brussels.

8. Any other business

- The Chair informed the Group that the next meeting of COARM is scheduled for 26 June 2012. The next meetings of COARM ATT will be held on 31 May, 11 June (TBC), 15 June DELETED, and 27 June 2012.
- The German delegation recalled the invitation sent to delegations for the Berlin Export Control Seminar (6 8 June 2012).
- The Slovenian delegation informed the Group on the outcome of the 13th International Export Control Conference (Portoroz, 7–9 May 2012).

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