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***Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Thursday 13
December 2012 CoB***

1. Information exchange regarding export policies

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2. Review of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP

The Group continued its discussion on the implementation of Criteria 7 and the improvement of the denial information exchange (c.f. coreu EAS/1745/12 of 5 December 2012). Delegations were invited to transmit their further comments by 11 January 2013. The Group also agreed that proposals elaborated enough to be supported by planned amendments to the User's Guide should be implemented as soon as possible until the User's Guide is actually revised.

The Chair also informed the Group of the ongoing work by the Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM) linked to the review of the Common Position as regards criterion two (respect for human rights in the country of final destination as well as respect by that country of international humanitarian law), in the context of EU Strategic Framework and EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy (cf. doc. 11855/12). Delegations were invited to liaise with COHOM delegates in this regard (COHOM deadline on draft proposals relating to the assessment of criterion 2: 21 December 2012). It is envisaged that the COHOM Chair would present the COHOM findings on this topic at the COARM meeting in February 2013.

3. Wassenaar Arrangement, Plenary meeting, 11-12 December 2012

The Group discussed the draft EU statement in support of Cyprus' membership (coreu EAS/1718/12 of 30 November 2012) and reached agreement *ad referendum* on the text as amended (cf. coreu EAS/1771/12). Delegations also exchanged information on other issues with a view to the Plenary meeting, including papers prepared by Member States, membership applications, and fulfilment of reporting obligations.

4. Political dialogues with third countries

(i) Political dialogue with the USA (27 November 2012) and with Canada and Norway (4 December 2012)

The Chair reported on the political dialogues with the USA, Canada and Norway. DELETED

(ii) Upcoming political dialogues

The Chair informed the Group that a political dialogue meeting was planned with the Russian Federation in the margins of the Wassenaar Arrangement Plenary on 12 December 2012 and that first contacts would be taken with South Africa with a view to a later political dialogue.

5. COARM/NGO annual meeting (5 December 2012)

Delegations shared their assessment of the event.

6. AOB

The next meeting of COARM ATT is scheduled for 29 January 2013, and COARM for 30 January 2013. A COARM-Saferworld event is envisaged for spring 2013 and COARM-NGO event for autumn 2013.

The meeting of COARM-CODUN-CONOP at Director level will take place on 17 December 2012 (a.m.), including a discussion on COARM priorities for 2013, and followed by EU27-US Dialogue on Verification and Compliance (coreu SEC/0850/12 and EAS/1732/12).

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