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***Deadline of the silence procedure for the operational conclusions: Monday 17
September 2012 CoB***

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

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(iii) Possible update on recent key developments of national export policies

Delegations updated the group about the state of play of their domestic export control policy reviews as well as on any possible suspension/revocation policies vis-à-vis specific destinations.

2. COARM outreach activities

The Group was briefed on the state of play of the budgetary negotiations on the draft Council Decision on COARM outreach activities (cf. EAS/0782/12) and the available options in order to facilitate the conclusion of ongoing budgetary negotiations. In this regard, possible changes may be needed to the draft text.

The Group agreed to task the EEAS, in cooperation with COM, to revise the draft text and circulate it to COARM, with a view to its endorsement by the Group and subsequent transmission to the RELEX Group, once the budgetary negotiations are completed.

3. Review of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP

Further to the discussion at the last COARM meeting on 26 June 2012 and in line with the way ahead suggested and endorsed in the food-for-thought paper on the review of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP (cf. EAS/0785/12), the Group had an exchange of views on the next stages of the Review of the Common Position (CP). The Group agreed that:

- It would be opportune to put forward, in the envisaged Council Conclusions, a broad political message notably on:
 - the finding on the appropriateness of the current text of the Common Position based on a thorough assessment conducted over the past 12 months by MS;
 - the next stages of the review of the Common Position that would focus on: the improvement of its implementation, through, inter alia: the update of the User's Guide; possible improvements in the application and interpretation of criteria; enhancement of denials notification system; and relations between the Common Position and the future ATT.
 - the expectations of a new set of Council Conclusions upon conclusion of the Review Process,
- Future discussions in COARM could focus on implementation of Criteria 7 and 8 (including on the basis of written contributions **DELETED**)
- The possibility of improving denial information exchange could be explored; including through the possible extension of the Dual Use Denials Data Base (DUES) to include COARM denials, subject to institutional and budgetary feasibility.

Delegations were invited to put forward further suggestions as to the content of the draft Council conclusions by 21 September 2012 CoB, on which basis the EEAS will prepare draft Council Conclusions to be distributed ahead of the next COARM meeting.

4. Political dialogues with third countries **DELETED**

(i) Next political dialogues

The Chair informed the Group about future planned COARM political dialogues with third countries: US (videoconference mid-October); Norway and Canada (mid-October, Brussels); Russia and South Africa (in the margins of the next Plenary of the Wassenaar Arrangement in Vienna); and with Israel (t.b.c).

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5. Preparation of the 14th EU annual report on arms exports

The EAES informed the Group on the state of play of the preparation of the 14th Annual report, for which contributions from all Member States had now been received. The EEAS will compile the draft Report for verification by the delegations by end of October, with a view to Council (Foreign Affairs) adoption on 19 November 2012, via PSC and Coreper, and subsequent publication in the Official Journal by end of 2012. The EEAS will also circulate the draft textual part of the Report, via coreu, with a view to its consideration at the next meeting of the Group.

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The Group also agreed to examine in due course the possible implications of the implementation of the ICT Directive on the future reporting of exports.

6. Any other business

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- DE and PL informed the Group of the amendments to their respective export control legislations.
- Delegations exchanged advance information on their participation in the upcoming session of the UNGA First Committee.
- Next meetings of the Group will be held as follows:

26/09 (p.m.) COARM ATT
04/10 COARM ATT
05/10 COARM
15/11 COARM ATT
16/11 COARM
06/12 COARM ATT
07/12 COARM

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