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I OPERATIONAL CONCLUSIONS

Programme of the Presidency

- The Group took note of the Presidency programme set out in ROM/0328/03. Under point 4.1 Horizontal questions, Greece wished also to have a reference to ATH/0217/03 on the EU platform on future relations between Africa and the EU.

EU-Africa dialogue

- The Group finalised draft Council conclusions on the dialogue and forwarded them to CSP for discussion.
- In preparation for the agenda of the Ministerial troika, Presidency will take contact with Mozambique as President of the AU and report back to the AWG subsequently.
- In conformity with their own proposal (ATH/1140/03), the Group agreed that local HoMs at troika level could start a dialogue with the AU. Draft terms of reference will be circulated by Presidency.

EU-SADC dialogue

- The Group confirmed the provisional agenda for the next meeting of the EU-SADC Joint Steering Committee in ROM/0343/03 including Commission proposals. The meeting is provisionally fixed for 4-5 September 2003 in Dar-es-Salam.

Eastern Africa

Kenya

- The Group agreed to the principle of organising a Ministerial troika mission to Kenya early in the autumn. Presidency will circulate draft terms of reference for the mission.

Sudan

- The Group agreed to organise a special ad hoc session on Sudan with the participation of experts in the context of one of the meetings of the AWG.

Eritrea

- Presidency will circulate draft Council conclusions reviewing the existing conclusions on Eritrea from November 2001.

Ethiopia-Eritrea

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Somalia

- The Group agreed the declaration on the peace process in Somalia (SEC/1713/03).
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- Presidency will consider inviting Kenyan Special Envoy, Ambassador Kiplagat to attend a future meeting of the AWG.
- **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

Great Lakes region

- The Group adopted the draft report elaborated in response to the mandate from PSC (ROM/0349/03) and forwarded it for the attention of PSC. It agreed to closely observe the situation in the DRC which is in a critical stage **NOT DECLASSIFIED**.

Burundi (A.O.B. item)

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Rwanda

- Presidency will instruct local HoMs to organise an EU meeting to discuss the announcement to be given to the Authorities about the sending of the Election Observation mission as well as the content of the Memorandum of Understanding (benchmarks).

Southern Africa

Angola

- The Group thanked HoMs for their report.
- Presidency will instruct HoMs to take contact with the authorities with a view to a structured dialogue under article 8 of the Cotonou agreement and to propose to the AWG an agenda for the dialogue based on their report and taking into account recent developments.
- A review of the Common Position on Angola was coming up and Presidency will circulate a draft based on the prospect of a structured dialogue with this important partner.

Mozambique

- Due to the late circulation of the report on the findings of the EC election exploratory mission (COM/0347/03), some delegations had not had time to study it and adopt a position on its findings before the meeting. It was agreed that the Commission would reissue the report with a deadline for observations.

Zimbabwe

- **NOT DECLASSIFIED**
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- Presidency and Commission will circulate a draft declaration setting out the EU position for assistance.

Western Africa

MRU - Liberia

- The Group agreed to proceed with a declaration;
- The Presidency will circulate a draft declaration on the basis of the following elements:
 - = welcome cease-fire agreement and underline the need that the agreement has to be properly implemented,
 - = reiterate that the EU is ready to support the ECOWAS led peace negotiations,
 - = call attention to the gravity of the humanitarian situation and the urgent need to provide assistance,
 - = stress the importance of the early establishment of the Interposition /International Stabilisation Force,
 - = recall the readiness of the EU to consider support to this force,

- PSR Dahlgren is requested to follow -up on the peace process and to report from further meetings of the ICGL.

Burkina Faso

- **NOT DECLASSIFIED**
- The Group will come back to the issue for further consideration as soon as possible.

Mauritania

- **NOT DECLASSIFIED**
- The Presidency will circulate draft ToR (based on elements from the proposal of the declaration ROM/0441/03, pt 7.2);
- **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

Uganda (A.O.B. item):

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II OTHER POINTS

1. Programme of the Presidency

Concerning the IGAD Ministerial troika foreseen for November, the Commission inquired about the attitude or expectations presented by IGAD for such a troika, whether IGAD was prepared to itself be presented in a troika format and the differentiation from the IGAD Partners Forum. Presidency expected answers to these questions would be clearer after the IGAD Summit in Kampala on 24-25 October.

Horizontal Issues

2. EU – Africa dialogue

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3. EU - SADC dialogue

Presidency informed the Group about the planned meeting of the EU-SADC troika in preparation for the EU-SADC Senior Officials meeting planned for November. Commission underlined the importance of keeping the dialogue active and mentioned a number of other items that might also be touched upon in the meeting, in particular the Doha development agenda, developments in the EPA negotiations and Zimbabwe.

Eastern Africa

4. Kenya

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5. Sudan

Presidency outlined two scenarios. In spite of the temporary setback, the peace negotiations were planned to resume in Machakos on 23 July. If an agreement was reached in August before the next meeting of the Group, Presidency would prepare a draft declaration, start a review of Council conclusions, prepare new draft terms of reference for the political dialogue and evaluate what could be done in the interim period. If the agreement was delayed, the necessary follow up could be discussed during the special session in September. The Group underlined again the importance of the ongoing peace negotiations and agreed that they had reached a crucial stage. During the special session the question of how the human rights situation could be discussed at the Human rights Commission should also be addressed.

6. Eritrea

The Group agreed that the political dialogue with Eritrea should be one of mutual interest, besides the items mentioned by Eritrea, the agenda should also cover items like human rights and governance.

Great Lakes Region

7. DRC

NOT DECLASSIFIED The Group noted the statement by President Kabila underlining the importance he attaches to the holding of the elections. Presidency informed the Group that UNSRSG Ibrahim Fall had been invited to the Group in September to discuss further on the planning of the Great Lakes Conference.

8. Burundi

Prompted by recent developments in Bujumbura, in particular the attacks of FNL forces on government positions, the Group had an exchange of views on the situation and possible ways to address it. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

Southern Africa

9. Zimbabwe

Concerning the future food situation in the country following the disappointing harvest, the Group discussed the importance of ensuring an equitable distribution of food, when the crisis manifests itself. The result of the harvest was due to structural rather than climatic problems.

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Western Africa

10. MRU - Liberia

The Group endorsed recommendations of PSR Dahlgren (STO/0321/03). **NOT**

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11. **Burkina Faso**

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12. **Mauritania**

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- **Uganda:**

NOT DECLASSIFIED requested an in-depth discussion on the conflict going on for 15 years now at the next meeting.

- **Ivory Coast:**

France informed the Group on the programme of the donor conference scheduled on 18 July in Paris (agenda PAR/0405/03).

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Information points:

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- UK: requested Commission to provide further clarification on discussions on priorities of EU EOM (including calendar).

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