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Subject: Second implementation report / update of the Action oriented paper on strengthening the EU external dimension on action against trafficking in human beings

1. The first update on the implementation of the Action Oriented Paper on strengthening the EU external dimension on action against trafficking in human beings (THB), adopted on 30 November 2009, was approved by GENVAL in May 2011 and subsequently taken note of by the JHA Council in June 2011.
2. This second implementation report / update of the Action oriented paper on strengthening the EU external dimension on action against trafficking in human beings gives an overview of actions taken. Furthermore, it contains a list of priority countries and regions with which it is suggested that EU develop more concrete partnerships and identify specific areas of cooperation. This list will be regularly updated.

3. In view of the "The EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings" - *Communication of the 19 June 2012 from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the EU Strategy Towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012–2016*¹, adopted by the Commission this summer, that among other things also deals with the external dimension of human trafficking, and in order to avoid parallel and overlapping actions, it is suggested to let this second report be the final support.
4. The draft implementation report has been discussed in GENVAL at its meetings of 3 October and 6 November, in CATS on 20 November and in JAIEX on 28 November 2012.
5. COREPER is therefore invited to request the Council to take note of this second and final implementation report / update of the Action oriented paper on strengthening the EU external dimension on action against trafficking in human beings, as set out in document 13661/3/12 REV 3 GENVAL 63 JAIEX 67 RELEX 796 JAI 603 COSI 72.

¹ 11780/12 JAI 465 GENVAL 43 COSI 53 ENFOPOL 208 JAIEX 48 RELEX 589 EUROJUST 58 (COM(2012) 286 final).