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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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OPERATIONAL CONCLUSIONS

1. Kenya

The Group

- thanked HoMs in Nairobi for their report (PRES/PRA/0760/09) and endorsed the Master Messages contained therein;
- invited HoMs to raise the concerns of the EU in line with the Master Messages, and to request a reply to the letters of Commissioner Michel in form of a demarche and in the framework of the political dialogue under article 8 of the Cotonou Agreement;
- particularly stressed the need to see progress in the reform agenda, while recognizing the important role of Kenya in cooperation in the field of piracy;
- thanked the EU delegation in Addis for its report (SEC/1017/09) **NOT DECLASSIFIED**. The Group took note of the proposal by Commissioner Michel to send a letter to the AU;

- recommended to engage with the US on the situation in Kenya;
- took note of the wish of some Member States to adopt Council conclusions on Kenya.

2. Ethiopia

The Group

- thanked HoMs in Addis Ababa for their report (PRES/PRA/0746/09);
- while recognizing the important role of Ethiopia in the region, expressed concern about political developments in the country;
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- invited HoMs to draft Key messages to be delivered to Prime Minister Meles during the planned meeting with him in June;
- agreed to coordinate the EU approach towards Ethiopia with the US.

3. Mauritania

The Group

- discussed the situation in Mauritania since the last meeting of the ICG of 20 February 2009 and in view of the ongoing mission to Nouakchott of the AU, President Wade (Senegal), Abdessalam Triky, Secretary for African Affairs (Libya) and head of UNOWA, Said Djinnit;
- acknowledged the role of the AU and commended its recent efforts, led by President Wade of Senegal, to find a solution to the situation in Mauritania;
- welcomed the initial progress made towards a consensual solution of the crisis but remains concerned about the ongoing unconstitutional situation in the country;
- expressed its persisting objection to undemocratic and non-inclusive unilaterally organised presidential elections;
- agreed that the International Contact Group for Mauritania should continue in order to coordinate international action;
- agreed to consider the issue again on the basis of a possible upcoming compromise in order to decide on possible future EU action, including article 8 dialogue in line with the Council decision on 6 April 2009 on appropriate measures.

4. Great Lakes region

The Group

- received a presentation by the EUSR for the Great Lakes region, Roeland van de Geer, on the situation in the Great Lakes Region, with special reference to the recent developments relating to the LRA, the Goma Peace process, the Nairobi process and the Burundi peace process;
- received an update by the EUSR on the four EU Great Lakes Action Points: SSR as well as the fight against illegal exploitation of mineral resources, against the leaders of the FDLR in Europe and against sexual violence;
- confirmed the need for a longer term EU strategy on the Great Lakes and encouraged the EUSR to continue work on this strategy with the current and future EU Presidencies;
- **NOT DECLASSIFIED**;
- **NOT DECLASSIFIED**;
- agreed to remain actively seized with the situation in the individual countries in the Great Lakes as well as the regional perspective.

5. Madagascar

The Group

- welcomed the setting up of the International Contact Group at the initiative of the AU;
- was informed about the outcome of the ongoing meeting in the enhanced political dialogue under article 8 between the EU HoMs and the Haute Autorité Transitoire;
- stressed the importance of liaising with SADC and Swaziland on this issue and invited HoMs in Antananarivo to draft Key messages on the situation in Madagascar to be presented to these actors;
- took note of the Commission proposal to the Council to open article 96 consultations with the country and the draft letter to be sent to the authorities announcing the opening of these consultations.