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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: Africa Working Group meeting

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1. EU-Africa - Ministerial troika

The Group

- was informed about ongoing preparations of the Ministerial meeting with Africa and the upcoming meeting of the Joint Task Force and the workshop on resources;
- welcomed the draft agenda for the Ministerial meeting proposed by the AU Commission and endorsed the Presidency's proposals for amendments as set out in STO/0451/09;
- took note of COAFR room document 51/09 regarding the workshop on resources.

2. Zimbabwe

The Group was briefed by the Council Secretariat and Commission about the outcome of the ministerial troika visit to Zimbabwe on 12-13 September as well as by the Presidency on the discussion regarding Zimbabwe at the South-Africa - EU Summit in Kleinmond on 11 September.

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3. Somalia - Somaliland

The Group

- thanked HoMs for their report (STO/0422/09) and the recommendations therein;
- expressed concern over recent developments in the self-governing region of Somaliland, including the stalemate in election preparations and highlighted the need for a consensual solution;
- underlined the need for close EU coordination;
- decided that the EU should closely monitor future developments and explore avenues to continue its support to the democratization process as appropriate, as part of the overall EU engagement with Somalia.