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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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OPERATIONAL CONCLUSIONS

1. Malawi

The Group

- took note of the results of the presidential and parliamentary elections, which took place on 19 May 2009;
- while welcoming the positive atmosphere in with the elections took place, noted some shortcomings that are to be addressed in the future.

2. Zimbabwe

The Group

- invited HoMs to negotiate with the Zimbabwean authorities joint Terms of Reference for political dialogue based on PRES/PRA/0782/09;
- thanked HoMs for their report PRES/PRA/0776/09 concerning the two latest meetings with the Zimbabwean authorities in the context of article 8 political dialogue;
- considered the possibility of holding an EU Troika meeting at ministerial level with Prime Minister Tsvangirai during his planned visit to Europe in mid-June 2009 and underlined the need to prepare this possible visit;

- **NOT DECLASSIFIED**;
- agreed to revert to the issue shortly.

3. Madagascar

The Group

- thanked HoMs for their report PRES/PRA/0796/09, and discussed the situation on that basis;
- endorsed the recommendations in the HoMs report and stressed that the transitional period should be as short as possible;
- endorsed the political approach as drawn up in the draft letter inviting the High Transitional Authority to start consultations with the EU in Brussels in the framework of Article 96(2)(b) of the Cotonou Agreement.

4. Guinea

The Group

- discussed the outcome of the article 96 consultations in Brussels of 29 April and developments in Guinea since the last meeting of the International Contact Group on 4 - 5 May;
- **NOT DECLASSIFIED**;
- expressed concern on the delay in the establishment of the National Transitional Council;
- noted the next scheduled meeting of International Contact Group on Guinea on 18 - 19 June;
- took note of the Commission's intention to propose closure of article 96 consultations quickly.

5. ICC

Against the background of a briefing by the GSC regarding recent developments and on the basis of PRES/PRA/0776/09, SEC/1046/09, SEC/1073/09 and SEC/1082/09 the Group

- discussed the possible outcome and consequences of the AU Conference of the African State Parties to the Statute of Rome to be held on 8 - 9 June in Addis Ababa;
- noted that discreet, bilateral contacts could be useful to spread objective information about the International Criminal Court (ICC) and invited Member States to inform partners about such contacts;
- invited the GCS, in consultation with the Commission, to circulate, as soon as possible, a factual information note on Africa and the ICC, to be used by EU Member States and the European Commission in their daily contacts with African partners;
- agreed to revert to the issue in light of the outcome of the abovementioned AU Conference.