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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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OPERATIONAL CONCLUSIONS

1. Uganda

The Group

- thanked HoMs for their reports (PRES/PRA/0774/09 and PRES/PRA/0821/09) and welcomed the reinvigorated dialogue with Uganda

- encouraged HoMs to continue with the envisaged article 8 meetings, stressing further the issues of fight against corruption, respect for the rule of law and human rights, prevention of torture, the Millennium Development Goals and timely preparations of the elections in 2011;
- agreed that, in light of the urgency on the ground, continued attention should be paid to the situation in Northern Uganda;

- thanked the EUSR R. van de Geer for his briefing on the regional dimension, notably concerning the LRA.

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2. Rwanda

The Group

- thanked HoMs for their report PRES/PRA/0771/09 and welcomed the open spirit of the dialogue with Rwanda and its planned frequency;
- thanked the EUSR R. van de Geer for his briefing on the regional context, notably concerning the FDLR, and invited the EUSR to continue developing proposals for a coordinated approach in this regard, which is of political importance.

3. Sahel

The Group

- welcomed the draft Terms of Reference for an exploratory mission in the Sahel region as per PRES/PRA/0788/09 and invited Member States to circulate their written comments before 8 June cob;
- took note of the need to nominate participants to the mission on both political and technical level as quickly as possible in order to expedite a first part of the mission in July;
- agreed that Mali would be the first country of destination for the mission.

4. Mauritania

The Group

- was briefed by the Commission on the consensual agreement reached in Dakar;
- stressed the need to accompany Mauritania in the transition phase towards elections on 18 July;
- invited the Presidency to consider issuing a statement, welcoming recent developments;
- agreed to remain seized with the matter.

5. Niger

The Group

- expressed concern about the latest developments in Niger, after President Tandja's dissolution of the Parliament and call for a referendum on a modified constitution, on the basis of PRES/PRA/0853/09;
- invited HoMs to propose elements for possible EU actions with regard to the current political situation, including a possible declaration.

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6. Guinea-Bissau

The Group

- received a briefing from the GSC on the visit of the Minister of Defence to PSC the previous day;
- received a briefing by the Commission about the situation in the country prior to the elections to take place on 28 June from the EU EOMs perspective.

7. Nigeria

The Group

- welcomed the draft communiqué of the forthcoming troika EU-Nigeria circulated by coreu PRES/PRA/0836/09;
 - was invited to forward comments on the text by 4 June cob.
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