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From : Asia Oceania Working Group  
To : COREPER/Council

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Subject : Plan for strengthened EU action in Afghanistan and Pakistan  
- Frequency of Implementation Reports

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1. In its conclusions on 27 October 2009, the Council invited "the SG/HR and the Commission, based on input from the Member States, to report to the Council on the status of implementation of the Plan for strengthened EU action in Afghanistan and Pakistan by April 2010 and thereafter at least every six months".<sup>1</sup>
2. At its meeting on 7 March 2012, the Asia Oceania Working Group agreed that the reporting exercise should be streamlined to improve its effectiveness by reducing the number of annual implementation reports to one report per year for each of the two countries. In addition it was agreed that the call for updating the matrices would be issued once a year in Spring.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 14576/09

3. On 8 May 2012, the Political and Security Committee endorsed the agreement reached in the Asia Oceania Working Group on 7 March 2012 as regards the annual reporting for the EU Action Plans for Afghanistan and Pakistan.
  
4. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives' Committee is thus invited to:
  - confirm the agreement;
  - suggest that the Council invite the HR and the Commission, based on input from the Member States, to report to the Council on the status of implementation of the Plan for strengthened EU action in Afghanistan and Pakistan on a yearly basis.

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