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I. Operational Conclusions

Mano River Union

- the draft Council Conclusions are aimed for adoption as an "A" point at the GAER Council on Monday 9 December. Following a Swedish proposal the Group approved the revised draft circulated at the meeting;
- the joint Presidency/Commission approach paper was circulated by Coreu (COP/1527/02). The two information notes on the EC and MS assistance to the MRU would be taken out as a separate document which should constitute the basis for future Presidencies to regularly update this document;
- the road map for the MRU outlining the way forward will be circulated by Coreu and will be discussed at the meeting on 17 December.

DRC

- Presidency will circulate a draft declaration on the situation in Ituri.

Coherence and Consistency

- The Presidency will revise the road map taking into account comments made by partners.

Follow-up to Europe-Africa Ministerial Meeting

- The Presidency will revise the paper on the EU-Platform on the future of the Europe-Africa dialogue.
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Central African Republic

- The Presidency accepted the proposal **NOT DECLASSIFIED** of possibly providing a draft text for a declaration to be circulated by Coreu.

II. Other points

Western Africa

1. Mano River Union (MRU)

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Mr. Dahlgren recommended that the EU should together with the international community remain engaged in the process.

The Great Lakes

The Group agreed to postpone the discussion of the paper concerning coherence and consistency of EU policies and ACTIONS IN THE Great Lakes region until its meeting on 17 December.

2. DRC

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3. Burundi

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Horizontal Issues

4. Follow-up to Europe-Africa Ministerial Meeting in Ouagadougou

The Presidency briefed Directors on the results of the Ouagadougou meeting and the documents which resulted from both, the 6th Bi-regional Senior Official and the Ministerial meeting: adoption of a communiqué, joint declaration on terrorism, finalising of the Action plan on trafficking of human beings (though one paragraph remains open) and the presentation of the EU - Platform on the future of the EU-Africa dialogue as well as the agreed minutes from the Bi-regional meeting.

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In view of the GAERC discussion on Monday and the future structure of the dialogue, in particular the Lisbon Summit, Directors discussed elements raised in the EU-Platform paper. Several partners underlined the importance to prepare an attractive agenda for Lisbon in order to get highest level participation. The supportive reaction of the South African AU Presidency to this approach should make the preparation of the Lisbon agenda easier.

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There was consensus that the dialogue at pan-African level should not be questioned despite the fact that many issues are dealt with in bilateral fora (WTO, IMF/WB, G8, etc.). Against the background of longstanding relations with Africa the nature of the dialogue should be considered in the same light as with other regions (Asia, Latin America, US, etc.). The new institutions and initiatives on the African side (AU and NEPAD) should open the way for new structures of the dialogue to be held at different levels and formats. This flexibility would allow for more focused and result oriented discussions and bring the dialogue away from a merely donor -recipient perspective.

5. **Coherence and Consistency**

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Regional Crises Responses

6. **Central African Republic**

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7. **Ivory Coast**

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8. **Any Other Business**

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