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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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1. Sudan/Darfur; preparation of the GAERC 14-15 September 2006

The Group discussed the text of the draft Council conclusions circulated by the Presidency (coreu HEL/0414/06). The Group emphasised the need to focus on the current developments concerning Sudan/Darfur and on the key messages to be conveyed by the Council. Taking into account partners' comments and proposals for amendments the Group invited the Presidency to circulate a revised draft text by coreu in view of PSC on 12 September.

2. Somalia; preparation of the GAERC 14-15 September 2006

The Group discussed the text of the draft Council conclusions circulated by the Presidency (coreu HEL/0413/06). The need for well-focussed conclusions, which clearly highlight the main messages, was emphasised. The Group invited the Presidency to circulate by coreu a revised draft text, taking into account partners' comments and proposals for amendments in view of PSC on 12 September.

3. DRC; preparation of the GAERC 14-15 September 2006

The Group took note of the Presidency's intention to put DRC on the agenda for the GAERC, but without presenting draft Council conclusions, as there was little as this stage to add to the conclusions adopted by the GAERC on 25 August. The possibility of adopting conclusions should however be kept open, and the situation in DRC monitored closely to in order to assess if there was a need in this respect.

4. EU-US Troika meeting (28 September 2006, New York)

The Group took note of the Presidency's presentation of the preliminary agenda for the EU-US troika meeting at senior officials' level. The agenda as it stands focus on a number of key country and regional situations: Sudan, the Horn of Africa, West Africa, Zimbabwe, the DRC and the Great Lakes, as well as on some horizontal issues, notably the EU Strategy on Africa and the EU Concept for Strengthening African capabilities for the Prevention, Management and Resolution of Conflicts. The final agenda will be circulated by coreu.

Any Other Business

Madagascar

At the request of the **NOT DECLASSIFIED** delegation, the Commission informed about the consideration given to the request for the deployment of an EU Electoral Observation Mission (EOM) to the presidential elections in Madagascar scheduled for 3 December.

NOT DECLASSIFIED A final decision in this regard would still have to be confirmed. It was agreed to revert to the issue under the discussion of EU electoral observation at the AWG on 13 September.

DRC

NOT DECLASSIFIED delegation informed the Group that **NOT DECLASSIFIED** is currently considering making a additional contribution to the financing of the elections in DRC, taking its total contribution up to 3,1 million euros) in view of the second round of the presidential elections scheduled for 29 October. The Presidency invited delegations to circulate similar information by coreu. One delegation stressed that DRC would be a central issue to follow in the coming months and requested frequent briefings to the AWG by the EUSR for the Great Lakes.

Burundi

At the request of a number of delegations, the Presidency confirmed that the situation in Burundi would be addressed at the AWG on 13 September on the basis of a HoMs report on the Article 8 dialogue and a report on the troika demarche carried out in connection with the Presidency declaration in August. **NOT DECLASSIFIED** delegation further pointed to the discussion in the PSC and the visit of the Burundian Minister for Foreign Affairs as points also to take into consideration for the upcoming discussion on Burundi.

AWG meeting 13 September

The Presidency informed that the agenda of the next meeting in the Group, to take place on 13 September, is expected to address the following issues: the preparation of the Joint EU-Africa Strategy; the EU Concept for Strengthening African capabilities for the Prevention, Management and Resolution of Conflicts; the Commission Communication on Governance; EU electoral observation; Sudan; DRC; Burundi, and Cote d'Ivoire. The draft agenda will be circulated to Member States by coreu.
