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I. DRAFT OPERATIONAL CONCLUSIONS

1. DRC

The Group:

- welcomed the briefing by the EUSR for the Great Lakes Region, Roeland van de Geer, on recent events in the DRC and took note of the Inventory of possible EU actions in support of the stabilisation of the Eastern DRC (SEC/2582/07), elaborated with the GSC and the EC;
- thanked the EUSR, the EC and the GSC for proposing these detailed and concrete measures and underlined the urgency of discussing this further, recognising that the package will require further elaboration in the coming period, in close cooperation with the relevant working groups concerned;
- thanked Belgium for the information contained in BRU/0227/07;

- welcomed the official launch, on 16 December 2007 in Goma, of the Joint Monitoring Group (JMG) in support of the implementation of the Nairobi Joint Communiqué (9 November 2007) as well as the proposed coordinated EU participation in the JMG, which will ensure a increased EU presence, as proposed in SEC/2641/07. In this context, the Group also welcomed the proposal to invite the Secretariat, in consultation with the two ESDP missions in the DRC, to reflect on possibilities to support the proposed coordinated EU participation in the JMG. Subsequent further analysis by the relevant Working Groups, in particular on whether the respective mandates would allow such support, should be done without delay;
- invited the EUSR, the GSC and the EC to develop further proposals for the consolidation of peace and security in the East, notably through the fight against impunity and the Kivu's Conference for Peace and Development, now envisaged for late December 2007 in Goma. The EUSR will seek to provide support to EU-coordinated participation in the Conference;
- supported the EUSR recommendations contained under paragraph III 7 of SEC/2641/07.
- will continue to follow the issue of Sexual and Gender Based Violence further.

2. Sudan

The Group:

- thanked the EUSR for Sudan for his briefing on recent developments, in particular concerning the current relations between the North and the South and the situation in Darfur, including the deployment of UNAMID;
- welcomed the new impetus promised by the agreement reached between the SPLM and the NCP and encouraged the further broad-based high level international engagement with regard to CPA implementation;
- expressed concern over the volatile situation in Darfur, in particular recent reports of renewed military activity, including beyond Darfur. The Group encouraged further contacts with the relevant parties to convey this concern;
- expressed concern with regard to the continued ceasefire monitoring in Darfur after the transfer of authority from AMIS to UNAMID expected on 31 December 2007. It encouraged the EUSR for Sudan to work to avoid the risk of a possible ceasefire monitoring vacuum;

- welcomed the EUSR's meetings in Beijing with Chinese officials and encouraged the EUSR for Sudan to maintain and expand these contacts, given the crucial role played by China in Sudan and the region.

3. Ethiopia-Eritrea

The Group:

- considered that the international community should continue to pay close attention to further developments on the border dispute between the two countries;
- noted that the expiry of the mandate of the Eritrea Ethiopia Boundary Commission had not significantly heightened tensions along the border;
- mandated the Presidency to circulate a new draft declaration on the border dispute on the basis of LIS/1005/07 as well as the discussion held in the group.

4. Guinea Bissau

The Group:

- was briefed about the preparation of the ESDP-mission to Guinea Bissau, including timelines;
- was briefed about the political situation in the country;
- took note of the timely and important Conference on combating drug trafficking in Guinea Bissau, which was taking place in Lisbon on the same day (19 December 2007);
- welcomed the overall EU approach to support the security sector reform in Bissau.

5. Senegal - trial of Hissène Habré

The Group:

- was briefed about the state of preparation of the EU-expert mission to Dakar in the context of the trial of Hissène Habré on the basis of COM/0271/07;
- welcomed the postponement of the donor meeting to be organised by the Senegalese authorities and the upcoming EU expert mission to Dakar to the week of 21-25 January 2008.

II. OTHER POINTS

2. Sudan

The Group had an exchange of views with the EUSR for Sudan following his briefing on recent developments in Sudan and in Eastern Chad. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

The European Commission informed that it has allocated 3 million euros from the Stability Instrument to the Trust Fund that supports the efforts of the UN/AU JMST for Darfur. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

Instrument, in **NOT DECLASSIFIED** coordination with Member States and the EUSR.

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4. Guinea Bissau

The Presidency informed delegations that the Minister of Defence has recently expressed his agreement in the mission awaits the official communication to acknowledge in writing.

The Council Secretariat reported the excellent cooperation with the Commission during the Technical Mission to Bissau in November, which finalised the technical assessment and had informal contacts with the authorities, including the new Minister of Civilian Administration, who also expressed strong support to an ESDP mission.

Other events of interest include the Parliament approval of the National Security Strategy and the postponement of legislative elections after a Supreme Court ruling.

Some more international actors are taking an interest in Guinea Bissau: The UN Peace Building Commission is soon to examine the Guinea Bissau case and the World Bank has announced it will upgrade its presence in Bissau with a country office.

The Commission recalled the drugs conference, organised by UNODC and being held in Lisbon on the same date. This conference could provide an opportunity to clarify the implementation mechanism of the national Action Plan about drugs. Concerns over payment of sums under the Fisheries agreement will is now being addressed through an exchange of letters between Commissioner Boer and the Minister of Fisheries and a meeting that will take place in January.

One delegation recalled that a lot is at stake in this mission and its success must be ensured.
