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### NOTE

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from : Working Party on Development Cooperation  
on : 5 March 2009  
to : Political and Security Committee

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1. On 17 February 2009 the Political and Security Committee invited the Working Party on Development Cooperation to provide advice on the Joint GSC/Commission Options Paper on Somalia and its neighbouring region (doc. 6323/09 + COR 1 RESTREINT UE).
2. At its meeting on 9 March 2009 the Working Party on Development Cooperation had an exchange of views on the Options Paper, focusing on the development dimension.

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3. Delegations welcomed the Options Paper and expressed support for its main messages. They also identified a number of points which could be further strengthened. These points are outlined below and constitute the advice submitted by the Working Party on Development Cooperation to the Political and Security Committee.
4. Concerning the development aspects of the Options Paper the Working Party on Development Cooperation considers that it is important to:
- Sequence the priorities outlined in the paper:
    - (1) improve security in Somalia, while simultaneously making efforts to improve the humanitarian situation
    - (2) promote a broad reconciliation process and re-establish peace
    - (3) take medium and long term reconstruction measures.
  - Include all parts of the Somali society, particularly civil society and women. Gender, democratic principles and human rights are of paramount importance for the development of Somalia.
  - Duly reflect the importance of institutional capacity building and respect for existing principles of development aid, including the OECD/DAC Principles for Good International Engagement in Fragile States and Situations, and existing EU frameworks, particularly for Security Sector Reform (SSR).
  - Reflect on implementation and implementing partners. Explore further channels for delivery, including by engaging with States and organisations in the region.