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(**FOREIGN AFFAIRS**) held in Brussels on 18 January 2016

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1. Adoption of the agenda

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The Council adopted the above agenda.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

2. Approval of the list of "A" items

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The Council adopted the "A" items listed in:

1) 5229/16

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6. Draft Council conclusions on Libya

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approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 18.01.2016

3) 5229/16 ADD 2:

7. Draft Council conclusions on the Middle East Peace Process

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3. Syria and recent developments in the region

The Council had an exchange of views on Syria and recent developments in the region with a focus on the upcoming London donors Conference (4 February 2016) and the need to respond effectively to the humanitarian crisis by providing support to neighbouring countries hosting refugees.

4. Iraq

The Council had an exchange of views on the political and security situation in Iraq on the basis of Council conclusions adopted on 14 December 2015 (doc. 15016/15).

5. **Ukraine**

The Council had a discussion on Ukraine focusing on the requirement to maintain commitment to reforms, on support to DCFTA implementation and on maintaining public support behind Government's reform policies.

6. **Any other business**

– **Iran**

The High Representative welcomed the implementation day of the nuclear agreement with Iran and the subsequent lifting of nuclear-related sanctions as a positive development for the region.

– **Libya**

The High Representative regretted the lack of agreement by the Libyan parties on a Government of National Accord expressing hope that an announcement would take place in the coming days.
