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(**FOREIGN AFFAIRS**) held in Luxembourg on 18 and 19 April 2016

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1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda**
7930/16 OJ/CONS 19 RELEX 268

The Council adopted the above agenda.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

2. **Approval of the list of "A" items**
7931/16 PTS A 26
+ ADD 1

On 18 April 2016 the Council adopted the "A" items listed in:

- 1) 7931/16 - items 1 to 5
- 2) 7931/16 ADD 1:
 7. Council Decision amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran
and
Council Implementing Regulation implementing Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran
7967/16 CORLX 168 CFSP/PESC 316 RELEX 274 CONUN 68 MOG 41
CONOP 35 COARM 68 FIN 231
7625/16 CORLX 145 CFSP/PESC 277 CONUN 56 MOG 34 CONOP 29
COARM 58 FIN 206
+ COR 1 (fi)
7627/16 CORLX 147 RELEX 237 CFSP/PESC 279 CONUN 58 MOG 36
CONOP 31 COARM 60 FIN 208
+ COR 1 (fi)
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 18.04.2016
 10. EUTM RCA:
 - a) Council Decision on a European Union military training mission in the Central African Republic
 - b) Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Central African Republic, for an Agreement on the status of a European Union Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic
7970/16 CORLX 169 CSDP/PSDC 223 CFSP/PESC 317 COAFR 106
RELEX 275 CONUN 69 EUMAM RCA 6 EUTM RCA 5 CSC 99
6951/16 CORLX 106 CSDP/PSDC 133 CFSP/PESC 206 COAFR 70
RELEX 179 CONUN 48 EUMAM RCA 2 EUTM RCA 1 CSC 68
+ COR 1 (lt)
+ REV 1 (hr)
7294/16 CORLX 125 CSDP/PSDC 166 CFSP/PESC 245 COAFR 89
RELEX 208 CONUN 53 EUMAM RCA 4 EUTM RCA 3 CSC 80
+ REV 1 (hr)
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 18.04.2016

Statements relating to these items are set out in the Annex.

3. **External Aspects of Migration**

The Council had an exchange of views on the activities undertaken by the European Union concerning the external dimension of the migration, notably the possible extension of Operation Sophia, consideration on the provision of training to Libyan coast guards, support for securing the southern border of Libya and enhanced support for G5 Sahel countries including through a possible regionalisation of CSDP EUCAP mission. The Council discussed the outcome of High level political dialogues on migration with a focus on Return and Readmission and on economic opportunities. The Council agreed to revert regularly to the subject.

4. **EU Regional Strategy for Syria and Iraq as well as the ISIL/Da'esh threat**

This item was postponed to a forthcoming Council meeting.

5. **Eastern Partnership**

The Council had an exchange of views focusing on the challenges and commitments in the framework of the Eastern Partnership and on reaching a shared EU approach towards preparing the Eastern Partnership Foreign Ministers meeting on 23 May 2016.

6. **Libya**

= Draft Council conclusions

7964/16 MAMA 52 CFSP/PESC 315 RELEX 273 LIBYE 5

The Council examined draft Council conclusions on the basis of doc. 7964/16, and adopted Council conclusions on Libya as set out in doc. 7990/16.

Meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council (Defence Ministers) (19.4.16)

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

7. Approval of the list of "A" items

7931/16 PTS A 26 ADD 2

7933/16 PTS A 27 **EU RESTRICTED**

On 19 April 2016 the Council adopted the "A" items listed in:

1) 7931/16 - item 6

2) 7931/16 ADD 2:

8. Force Catalogue 2015 - Report on the results of the Quantitative Comparison and Trend Analysis

7932/16 CSDP/PSDC 221

7922/16 CSDP/PSDC 218 COPS 120 EUMC 50

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 18.04.2016

9. Draft MULTILAYER 2016 (ML 16) Exercise Specifications (EXSPEC)

7847/16 COPS 114 CSDP/PSDC 212 POLMIL 39 CIVCOM 69 EUMC 47

7845/16 COPS 113 CSDP/PSDC 211 POLMIL 38 CIVCOM 68 EUMC 46

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 18.04.2016

3) 7933/16 (RESTREINT UE)

8. Any other business

– Afghanistan

In the presence of NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg, High Representative Mogherini briefed the Council on possible EU efforts in support of Afghanistan's security sector reform beyond 2016.

9. **Hybrid threats**

- = Draft Council conclusions on countering hybrid threats
7857/16 COPS 115 CSDP/PSDC 213 CFSP/PESC 305 JAI 283 POLMIL 40
EUMC 48 CIVCOM 70 COEST 93 COAFR 102 COTER 43 PROCIV 25
CYBER 39 EF 81 ECOFIN 82 ENER 110 POLMAR 5 TRANS 106
ESPACE 23 SAN 130 CSC 95

In the presence of NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg, High Representative Mogherini and Commissioner Bienkowska presented the Joint Communication "Joint Framework on countering hybrid threats - a European response". Ministers exchanged views and adopted Council conclusions on the topic, welcoming the Joint Communication.

10. **Capacity Building for Security and Development**

Ministers exchanged views on the state of play of work in the field of Capacity Building in support of Security and Development. High Representative Mogherini confirmed that a legislative proposal to operationalise the initiative should be ready by June 2016.

11. **Any other business**

– **Central European Defence Cooperation**

The Austrian Minister of Defence presented the recent declaration of Central European Defence Cooperation countries, also signed by three non-EU Western Balkans nations, presenting options to tackle the challenges posed by the refugee and migration crisis.

STATEMENTS FOR THE COUNCIL MINUTES

Ad "A" item 7: **Council Decision amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning
restrictive measures against Iran
and
Council Implementing Regulation implementing Regulation (EU) No
267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran**

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