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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Council Decision in support of Ukraine's efforts to combat illicit trafficking in weapons, ammunition and explosives, in cooperation with the OSCE

1. On 2 December 2019 the Council adopted Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/2009 in support of Ukraine's efforts to combat illicit trafficking in weapons, ammunition, and explosives, in cooperation with the OSCE.
2. Article 5 of the Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/2009 stipulates that it should expire 36 months after the conclusion of an agreement with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). In accordance with Article 3(3) of Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/2009, the Commission concluded a contribution agreement with the OSCE for a period of implementation ending on 23 December 2022.
3. On 11 August 2022, the OSCE requested a 13-month no-cost extension of the action, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemics on the implementation and the current security situation in Ukraine.
4. On 15 September 2022, the Working Party on Non-Proliferation (CONOP) agreed to the request.

5. On 3 November 2022, the High Representative submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/2009 of 2 December 2019 in support of Ukraine's efforts to combat illicit trafficking in weapons, ammunition and explosives, in cooperation with the OSCE (doc. 14358/22).
6. On 10 November 2022, the Foreign Relations Counsellors Working Party (RELEX) agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision.
7. COREPER is therefore invited to:
- confirm the agreement on the draft Council Decision;
 - recommend that the Council adopt the Council Decision amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/2009 of 2 December 2019 in support of Ukraine's efforts to combat illicit trafficking in weapons, ammunition and explosives, in cooperation with the OSCE, as set out, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts, in document 14359/22;
 - decide to publish the Council Decision in the Official Journal.