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from: General Secretariat

to: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: New lines for action by the European Union in combating the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and their delivery system
- draft Council Conclusions

Delegations will find attached the draft Council Conclusions, as approved by PSC on 21 November 2008 with a view to their submission, via Coreper, to the Council for adoption.

DRAFT GAERC CONCLUSIONS

The Council welcomes the active implementation of the EU WMD Strategy adopted by the European Council in December 2003.

The Council underlines the usefulness of efforts which are being made to further improve the efficiency of the implementation of the Strategy through targeted action. It therefore endorses the document "New lines for action by the European Union in combating the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery system" which identifies the following deliverables:

- an updated risk and threat evaluation document;
- models for awareness raising for undertakings, scientific and academic circles, and financial institutions;
- intensifying cooperation with third countries to help them to improve their non-proliferation policies and export controls;
- measures to combat intangible transfers of knowledge and know-how, including mechanisms of cooperation in terms of consular vigilance;
- intensifying efforts to impede proliferation flows and sanction acts of proliferation;
- intensifying efforts to combat proliferation financing;
- intensifying coordination / collaboration with, and contribution to, relevant regional and international organisations.

The Council calls on competent Council formations and bodies, the Commission, other institutions and Member States, to give a concrete follow-up to this document with a view to achieving its objectives by the end 2010.