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Delegations will find attached the Council Conclusions on the New lines for action by the European Union in combating the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems, as adopted by the Foreign Affairs Council on 13 December 2010.

**Draft Council Conclusions**  
**on the New lines for action by the European Union**  
**in combating the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems**

The Council recalls that the European Security Strategy identifies proliferation of weapons of mass destruction as one of the greatest threats to European and international security. The European Union has an effective framework in place to respond to this global security challenge, as set out in the EU Strategy against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction adopted by the European Council in December 2003.

In December 2008, the Council adopted a document "New lines for action by the European Union in combating the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems" (doc. 17172/08) with the aim to further improve the implementation of the EU WMD Strategy and make non-proliferation a cross-cutting priority in EU and Member States' policies.

The Council welcomes the ongoing efforts towards implementing this action plan, but realises that some of the objectives of the action plan need further efforts. The Council encourages competent EU Institutions and Member States to take further initiatives to achieve the complete implementation of the action plan in each policy sector by the end of 2012 and underlines the importance of preventing proliferation through targeted and coordinated action not just in the foreign and security policy, but in all key policies.

The Council notes with satisfaction the EU's active cooperation with third countries and international organisations that will benefit the strengthening of the global non-proliferation regime and the multilateral system.

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