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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Promotion of Effective Arms Export Controls - Decision

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1. Union activities to promote effective and transparent arms export controls have developed since 2008 under Joint Action 2008/230/CFSP and Council Decisions 2009/1012/CFSP and 2012/711/CFSP and Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/2309. The activities carried out have notably supported further regional cooperation, enhanced transparency and greater responsibility, in line with the principles of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP and the risk assessment criteria enshrined therein. The activities in question have traditionally addressed third countries of the eastern and southern neighbourhoods of the Union.
2. On 4 October 2017, the Working Party on Conventional Arms Exports (COARM) endorsed elements for a draft text of Council Decision on the Promotion of Effective Arms Export Controls.
3. On 23 October 2017, the High Representative submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the Promotion of Effective Arms Export Controls (doc. 13647/17).
4. On 8 January 2018, the Foreign Relations Counsellors Working Party (RELEX) agreed the text of the Council Decision, as well as the related budgetary impact statement set out in the Annex to this note.

5. Coreper is therefore invited to:

- confirm the agreement on the text of the Council Decision and endorse the budgetary impact statement as set out in the Annex to this note;
 - recommend to the Council to adopt the Council Decision on the Promotion of Effective Arms Export Controls, as set out, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts, in document 14383/17;
 - agree to the publication of the above-mentioned Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union.
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