Chapter 31 Screening

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Non-Proliferation: WMD Strategy – SALW Strategy
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O. Index

- The EU Strategy against the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)
- EU Strategy to combat illicit accumulation and trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and their ammunitions
- Export Controls

I/- The EU Strategy against the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), adopted by the European Council in December 2003.

A. Main principles:

- * A strategy based on prevention/«Preventive engagement»
- * Global scope and EU multi-pillar coverage
- * Effective Multilateralism
- * Support to international treaty based and verification agencies IAEA,OPCW
- * Cooperation with key partners and third states
- * Mainstreaming non-proliferation into EU's wider relations

* Prevent use of WMD by terrorists

I/- EU WMD Strategy and its implementation:

B. Chapter III: list of specific measures

- Universalisation and strengthening of treaties and verification regimes
- Fostering the role of the UNSC, and enhancing its expertise
- Strengthening export control policies in coordination with partners in the multilateral regimes, advocating adherence to effective export controls, strengthening suppliers regimes and EU coordination
- Enhancing Security of proliferation-sensitive materials in the EU/(Radioactive Source Directive)
- Cooperative threat reduction programmes with other countries
- Mainstreaming non-proliferation policies into the wider relations- WMD clause adopted by the GAERC on 17 November 2003
- Cooperating closely with key partners: US, Japan, Canada, China, Russia

C. <u>List of priorities for a coherent implementation of the EU WMD Strategy adopted by the Council (last one 12/2005).</u>

D. Reporting

II/- <u>EU Main Treaty Commitments</u> (see Common Position 805/2003)

- * NPT,CTBT,IAEA Nuclear Safeguards including Additional Protocol
- * CWC Chemical Weapons
- * BTWC Biological and Toxins Weapons
- * 1925 Geneva Protocol
- * Ottawa Convention on Landmines
- * CCW: Certain Conventional Weapons
- * HCOC: Code of Conduct against Ballistic Proliferation

III/- Main Common Positions on WMD.

- CP 242/2006 on RevConf BTWC
- CP 329/2005, 297/2000, 509/1994 on RevConf NPT
- CP 805/2003 on universalisation and reinforcement of multilateral agreements.
- □ CP 567/2001 on the fight against ballistic missile proliferation
- CP 533/1999 on the early entry into force of CTBT

IV/- Main Joint Actions.

- EU JA 419/2006 in support of UNSC 1540
- EU JA 418/2006, 495/2004 in support of IAEA
- EU JA 243/2006 in support of CTBTO
- EU JA 184/2006 in support of BTWC
- EU JA 913/2005, 797/2004 in support of OPCW
- EU JA 406/2002 in support of HCOC

V/- CFSP Statements and Action plans.

- EU 2006 Action Plan on Biological and Toxins
 Weapons, complementary to CP/242/2006 in support of BTWC: strengthening UN roster.
- EU 2004 Statement on criminal sanctions
- EU 2004 Statement in support of the PSI
- GAERC Conclusions on WMD Clause 2003

VI/- CONOP and CODUN Working Parties.

- CONOP: Non-Proliferation
 - Review of implementation of WMD Strategy
 - Nuclear and Ballistic proliferation issues
 - UNSCR 1540 implementation

CODUN: Global Disarmament and Arms Control

- Review of implementation of WMD Strategy
- Review of implementation of SALW Strategy
- Biological, chemical and conventional weapons
- Disarmament in the UN context and at the CD

Regional issues

VIII/- Export Control instruments and policy.

- EU Code of Conduct on Arms exports (1998)
- EC Regulation on exports of dual-use items (2000)
- EU and its Member States' participation in Multilateral export control arrangements: Wassenaar Arrangement, NSG, MTCR, Australia Group. Support for membership by all 25 EU Member States in these regimes.

Common Position 468/2003 on brokering.

VII/- COARM Working Party

- Review of the Code of Conduct on Arms exports and its implementation (exchange of denial notification, transparency, criteria interpretation).
- Support for the negotiations of an International Arms Trade Treaty
- Implementation of the Common Position of 2003 on brokering
- End-use controls
- Outreach activities with third countries: Ukraine, Norway, Russia

IX/ - EU Embargoes on Arms Exports

- BURMA/MYANMAR
- CHINA (European Council declaration 1989)
- COTE D'IVOIRE
- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
- IRAQ

- LIBERIA
- SIERRA LEONE
- SOMALIA
- SUDAN
- UZBEKISTAN
- ZIMBABWE

□ LEBANON (expected as from 15/9/06)]

X/- Small Arms and Light weapons (SALW)

- EU Strategy to combat illicit accumulation and trafficking of SALW and their ammunitions, adopted Dec.2005.
 - Effective multilateralism
 - Global approach and multi-pillar
 - Supply and demand
- Joint Action 2002/589/CFSP on the European Union's contribution to combating the destabilising accumulation and spread of small arms and light weapons and repealing Joint Action 1999/34/CFSP.

Council Decisions:

Council Decision 2005/852/CFSP for the destruction of SALW and their ammunition in Ukraine

Council Decision 2005/784/CFSP/ on an European Union contribution to combating the destabilising accumulation and spread of SALW in Cambodia

Previous decisions for implementing projects in Albania, South America, Cambodia and South East Europe.

XI/ web link:

www.consilium.europa.eu/wmd

