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Brussels, 25. 11. 2016

Dear Members of European Network Against Arms Trade,

Thank you for your letter of 23 May 2016 regarding the Group of Personalities on the Preparatory Action for CSDP-related research (GoP) and transparency. First Vice-President Timmermans and Commissioner Bieńkowska have asked me to reply on their behalf.

As you note, the GoP was set up when the previous Commission rules on experts groups were applicable, and it has since concluded its work and no longer exists.

Information on the work of the GoP was widely distributed, including to the European Parliament and all Member State permanent representations in the form of a report. The report can be downloaded here: <http://www.iss.europa.eu/publications/detail/article/report-of-the-group-of-personalities-on-the-preparatory-action-for-csdp-related-research/>.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a final upward stroke, positioned to the right of the text 'Yours Sincerely,'.

Alain Alexis
Head of Unit