Guidelines on Implementation and Evaluation of Restrictive Measures in the Framework of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy

Dates
26 - 28 March 2013

Venue
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Background
Restrictive measures play an important role in the overall success and achievements of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) / Common Foreign and Defence Policy (CSDP). They are an instrument of the EU efforts to maintain international peace and security. The importance of targeted measures in maintaining international peace and security has increased with time, while significant efforts have been undertaken to strengthen them. Restrictive measures have been imposed by the EU in recent years, either on an autonomous EU basis or through the implementation of binding Resolutions of the Security Council of the United Nations. Thus, the European Union has extensive experience in designing, implementing, enforcing and monitoring restrictive measures (sanctions) in the framework of the CFSP. It is also worth mentioning that within the framework of the Common Foreign and Security Policy, the Council of the European Union may decide to impose restrictive measures against third countries, entities or individuals. These measures must be consistent with the CFSP objectives, as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU). Alongside EU’s endeavour to standardize the implementation of restrictive measures and strengthen methods of their implementation, such as adoption of “Guidelines on implementation and evaluation of restrictive measures (sanctions) in the framework of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy”, there is a need to make them more recognizable and introduce them to the third countries in order to achieve better understanding and thereby their implementation as well.

Unless the content of the CFSP/CSDP, its achievements and potential impact on overall security ambience are learned, general introduction of “Guidelines on implementation and evaluation of restrictive measures (sanctions) in the framework of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy” will have an aggregative approach to the third countries, remarkably to those who are candidates or potential candidates for acquiring full EU membership.

Purpose & Objectives
The purpose of the Seminar is to support and foster the capacity building process in the Southeast European countries that are either candidates or potential candidates for acquiring full EU membership.

The objectives are:

- To present CFSP/CSDP objectives set out in TEU and EU legal instruments;
- To present the types and categories of sanctions or restrictive measures which the EU applies and monitoring and evaluation of restrictive measures;
- To review implementation and achievements of restrictive measures (sanctions) in the framework of the Common Foreign and Security Policy;
- To exchange experience and lessons learned in the process of implementation of the international restrictive measures in the SEE countries;
- To highlight and promote further co-operation among the SEE countries.

Participants
National representatives from each of the signatory countries of the RACVIAC Agreement, who are officials at the decision-making level, and experts representing relevant ministries dealing with the topic. Representatives of other MAG countries and relevant international organizations, NGOs and the media will also be invited.

Methodology
The event will last for two working days and will comprise lectures and discussions. The official working language of the event will be English.

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