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NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF HEAD OF DELEGATION, GUATEMALA

Subject: HoMs report on Joint Programming in Guatemala

We would like to thank you for the report of 29 February 2012. We have taken note of the opinion of the Heads of Missions in Guatemala and welcome their favourable approach towards joint programming. The report has been discussed in Brussels with Member States and between EEAS and DEVCO as well between Headquarters and your Delegation.

The approach proposed offers an excellent opportunity to start the 'gradual' process of synchronising the donor programming cycles with the national cycle. In this regard, we need a strong commitment from the Government of Guatemala in order to advance and include key elements of joint programming as laid down in the Busan Council conclusions: joint response strategy, division of labour and indicative allocations. Therefore, we acknowledge the work that has been done over the last months in trying to engage the Government in this process. We welcome the development of the proposed roadmap and would appreciate receiving a copy, once it has been finalised.

We hereby encourage you to further intensify the dialogue on joint programming with the Government and to provide regular brief updates on the process to the horizontal units responsible for the coordination of joint programming, i.e. DEVCO/A3 and EEAS/VI.B.2 as well as to the geographical units in DEVCO and EEAS. In case you need further guidance or support in the process, please contact the aforementioned units.

This note will be shared with the Member States (capitals and permanent representations in Brussels). We propose that you share the note with the embassies of the Member States in your country as well.

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