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Dear members,

Further to yesterday's circular C-13357 this is to inform you that an agreement for enhanced EU action in the Red Sea was reached yesterday by the Member States.

While no official text is available yet, High Representative for Foreign Affairs Josep Borrell has announced that the EU will contribute to US-led operation Prosperity Guardian through Operation Atalanta. The only details known at this stage is that this contribution will entail information sharing and enhance presence with additional naval asset. Through our contacts with the EEAS, we also learnt that the Member State meeting also endorsed the non-executive task that would allow Atalanta assets to accompany merchant ships – we will confirm this information as soon as more details become available.

The Secretariat has prepared a statement welcoming this development, which will be published shortly. The ECSA Comms WG is therefore copied to this circular for information.

We remain at your disposal should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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