The Council adopted the following conclusions:

1. "The European Union (EU) reiterates that the political and security crisis in Mali calls for a coherent and comprehensive approach in order to ensure a lasting solution whereby African ownership is paramount.

2. The EU welcomes the mobilisation of regional and international support for Mali, together with the planning efforts for an African operation within the framework of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions 2056 and 2071. In this context it reaffirms its commitment to supporting Mali and ECOWAS in response to their requests.

3. The EU reiterates its call to the Malian authorities to submit a credible and consensual roadmap as soon as possible for the restoration of constitutional and democratic order, including civilian control of the armed forces. It underlines that measures taken in the field of security must support the political objectives and complement the political process in Mali.

4. In this context, the EU recalls the need to organise free, transparent elections as soon as possible and recalls its readiness to provide support for this purpose, in the form of both funding and an EU election observation mission, as soon as the election dates have been announced.

5. In this regard, the EU will watch carefully to see that the authority of the Malian state is re-established throughout its territory in compliance with the rule of law and within the framework of a credible, lasting reconciliation process. It asks that a framework be set up as soon as possible for a national dialogue which is open to all Malians, including armed groups which are not involved in terrorist activities and acknowledge the integrity of Malian territory.
6. The EU welcomes the planning work conducted in the framework of ECOWAS and the African Union, which have led to the adoption of a strategic concept and a concept of operations. On this basis, the EU hopes that an African operation, whose planning will have been approved, can be authorised swiftly by the UNSC.

7. In this context, the EU stresses the importance of proper financial support for the African operation in Mali from the states and organisations in the region, as well as from the other key international partners. It reiterates its willingness to provide financial support, and in this connection the Council asks the Commission to provide for the mobilisation of the African Peace Facility.

In order to guarantee predictable and sustainable EU funding for African peace-keeping operations, including the mission in Mali, the Council asks the Commission to identify additional appropriations from the 10th EDF which could be mobilised.

8. The Council wishes to thank the High Representative for her presentation of the draft Crisis Management Concept for a CSDP military mission to support the reorganisation and training of the Malian armed forces. It welcomes the presentation of that document and calls on the relevant groups to examine it as a matter of urgency so that it may be approved by the Council in December. It also welcomes the announcement by the Member States concerning possible contributions to this mission.

9. The EU condemns all human rights violations. In particular it recalls the situation of children and women exposed to numerous human rights violations in the north of Mali and asks the Malian authorities to make a full investigation of all acts of violence perpetrated since the start of the crisis, in both the north and the south of Mali, in particular the incidents in Diabaly on 8 September and 24 October 2012.

10. The EU recalls the obligation to ensure that all humanitarian actors have free and unhindered access to the north of Mali.

11. The EU reiterates that it is desirous of gradually resuming cooperation once a credible roadmap has been adopted and depending on the latter's progress. It stresses its readiness to contribute to stabilisation and consolidation measures aimed at achieving a sustainable solution to the crisis. In this respect, the European development cooperation programme in Mali will be reviewed to take account of the needs of the Malian population.

12. Lastly, the EU supports the holding of regular meetings of the Support and Follow-Up Group on Mali, in order to ensure the ongoing coordination of Malian, regional and international efforts, in close cooperation with the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations."