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Annex B

First Regional Meeting of Heads of Defence Procurement Departments

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The purpose of this meeting is to bring together Heads of Procurement Departments within ministries of defence of the countries of South Eastern Europe to operationally exchange current information on procurement issues in their respective countries. Military procurement is highly delicate matter, especially in the context of financial and or economic crisis – but also other difficulties can obstruct finalisation of procurement programmes.

The aim of this meeting is to elaborate current procurement needs of participating countries, to identify obstacles in fulfilling procurement projects and to assess the modalities of execution of procurement programmes.

The meeting is expected to express firm willingness of participating countries in their attempts to execute procurement programmes. In order to obtain this, a series of similar meetings has been envisaged in the near future.

In the period after this meeting the status of execution of procurement projects in participating countries should be clearer and modalities for their fulfillment ear-marked according to the conclusions of the meeting.

Considering the complexity of procurement issues and from the perspective of consistency it has been anticipated that also authorised staff from respective Defence Policy Departments should take part in this meeting.

Note: Working language of the Meeting is English.

Programme of the Meeting

ARRIVAL DAY - Sunday, 17 April 2011		
1900-2100	Icebreaker/Welcome dinner	Hotel Maestral - restaurant
Monday, 18 April 2011		
0900 - 0945	<p>Opening Remarks:</p> <p>Speaker 1: Representative of the host country, TBC</p> <p>Speaker 2: Ambassador Nikola Todorcevski, Director RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation</p> <p>Speaker 3: Mr Frank Boland, Director of Planning, NATO Defence Policy and Planning Division</p>	
0945-1000	<p>Introduction: Regional challenges in defence procurement</p> <p>Speaker: Mr Efrem Radev, Head of Security Co-operation Unit, Regional Co-operation Council (RCC)</p>	
1000-1030	Coffee break/Group photo	
1030-1230	<p>Working Session 1:</p> <p>Heads' of Defence Procurement from AL, BA, HR, ME, MK, RS and/or others consecutively deliver 10 - 15 minutes expositions on procurement needs, identifying difficulties (providing a list of detailed short, medium and long term bilateral or multilateral procurement projects - both large scale and small scale - with information on whether these are already fully funded or not, and to indicate which projects require additional multinational cooperation if they are to be realised as well as extending the analysis of the potential obstacles that might obstruct multinational cooperation, such as issues concerning legal, industrial, technical or military specifications)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Efrem Radev</p>	
1230-1330	Lunch Break	Hotel restaurant

1330-1530	<p>Working Session 2: Follow up discussion on Working Session 1, introducing defence policy aspects (representatives of Defence Policy Departments add to the discussion giving the overall status of current procurement needs with the view of possible joining to other country's bilateral or multilateral project)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Frank Boland</p>	
1530-1600	Coffee break	
1600-1630	<p>Conclusions and recommendations for the next meeting</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Frank Boland</p>	
1630-1645	<p>Closing remarks:</p> <p>Speaker 1: Representative of the host country</p> <p>Speaker 2: Ambassador Nikola Todorcevski, Director RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation</p>	
1645 -	End of meeting and departure	