

Conclusions of the RACVIAC Coordination Conference

Berlin, July 7, 2000

1. Representatives from 18 countries (Annex 1) and the Office of the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact met in Berlin on 7 July 2000 to discuss effective initiation and operation of the Regional Arms Control Verification and Implementation Assistance Centre (RACVIAC), a project within the framework of the Stability Pact for Southeast Europe, Working Table 3. They underlined their intention to fully cooperate to this end along the following lines.

2. They recognized that planned activities of RACVIAC, which will not interfere with negotiating fora or national responsibilities and not itself undertake inspections, include the following:

2.1. Contributing to a common understanding of current agreements between State Parties and providing an international forum for training of verification personnel.

2.2. Providing an opportunity to promote Confidence and Security Building Measures (CSBM) and other security policy-related issues in SE Europe.

2.3. Providing information regarding obligations under international Arms Control agreements, preparation of interested regional states for accession to agreements in force and discussion of the necessary national steps (e.g. national legislation, implementation regulations for armed forces).

3. The Conference welcomed the undertakings by the Republic of Croatia, as host nation, the Federal Republic of Germany, as sponsor nation, and nations here represented to make or consider practical contributions to the work of RACVIAC (Annex 2).

4. The Conference agreed that RACVIAC will be controlled by a Multi-national Advisory Group (MAG), including representation from all states which provide permanent staff, financial support or other substantial contributions. A meeting of the MAG will take place at the earliest opportunity to determine its terms of reference. The post of Director will be filled by interested states of the region on a rotational basis starting with Croatia.

5. The Conference notes that Croatia, Germany, the United States of America and United Kingdom are cooperating during the period June - October 2000 in laying the necessary foundations for RACVIAC's subsequent activities. In particular, they are planning and preparing for:

5.1. The official opening of RACVIAC in October 2000.

5.2. The first RACVIAC activity, a seminar entitled „The Significance of special regional agreements in accordance with Chapter X, Vienna Document 1999 for the Establishment of Stability in Southeast Europe“.

5.3. The programme for the first year of RACVIAC's activities to be approved by the MAG.

6. The Conference agreed that members of the RACVIAC permanent staff assemble at Rakitje Barracks, Zagreb, on 2 October 2000 to start work.

ANNEX 1 - Participating Countries

- ALBANIA
- AUSTRIA
- BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA
- BULGARIA
- CROATIA
- FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*
- FRANCE
- GERMANY
- GREECE
- HUNGARY
- ITALY
- NETHERLANDS
- ROMANIA
- RUSSIA
- SLOVENIA
- TURKEY
- UNITED KINGDOM
- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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ANNEX 2 - Contributions to RACVIAC

The **Republic of Croatia** , as host nation, undertakes to provide:

- Infrastructure sufficient for RACVIAC activities
- Personnel within the RACVIAC Project Team for the period June to October 2000
- Personnel within the permanent staff of RACVIAC for its long term operation from October 2000 for up to 3 years, according to the personnel list detailed below
- Freedom from Croatian tax liability for goods imported to or purchased in Croatia to be used in RACVIAC activities, to be regulated by the Memorandum of Understanding between Croatia and Germany.
- Rights and immunities for non-Croatian members of the RACVIAC Project Team and permanent staff in accordance with the Vienna Agreement on Diplomatic Relationships of 18 April 1961, to be regulated by the Memorandum of Understanding between Croatia and Germany.

The Federal **Republic of Germany** undertakes to provide:

- Financial support to RACVIAC for its establishment and first three years of its operation in accordance with existing budget lines
- Personnel within the RACVIAC Project Team for the period June to October 2000
- Personnel within the permanent staff of RACVIAC for its long term operation for up to 3 years, according to the personnel list detailed below
- Personnel to present lectures/lead seminars.
- Equipment for the operation of RACVIAC (donation)

The **United Kingdom** and the **United States of America** each undertakes to provide one member of the RACVIAC Project Team (July-October 2000).

Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Greece, Italy, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey undertake to provide personnel for the RACVIAC permanent staff, according to the personnel list detailed below.

Albania is considering participation with one officer in the permanent staff and would welcome financial support for this officer.

Romania is offering up to 3 staff officers to the permanent staff depending on funding.

Hungary and Italy will favourably consider providing one member of the RACVIAC Project Team (July-October 2000). Hungary will favourably consider providing 1 –2 members of the permanent staff, and providing lecturers.

Bulgaria, France, the Netherlands and Slovenia undertake to provide personnel to present lectures and/or lead seminars in the RACVIAC programme.

France is currently considering the possibility of providing personnel for the RACVIAC permanent staff.

Turkey will favourably consider providing personnel for the RACVIAC permanent staff.

Italy and Turkey will favourably consider providing personnel to present lectures and/or lead seminars in the RACVIAC programme

Italy and the United States of America will favourably consider other requests from RACVIAC for assistance.

France and Greece will favourably consider inviting RACVIAC course or seminar members to Arms Control events.

The **Russian Federation** will provide information on their contributions after consultations in its capital.

The **United Kingdom** will consider any future request to support seminars and other short term events and wishes to be kept informed of specific opportunities for involvement as they arise.

Provisional Organisational Structure/ Personnel List of RACVIAC

Post Number	Post	Rank	Nation	Remarks
Director				
001/001	Director	BrigGen/ equiv	HRV	Rotational Post
001/600	Admin			
Chief of Staff				
002/001	Dep Dir/ ChStaff	Col	DEU	later HRV
002/002	S3 Staff Off	LTC/Maj	AUT	also Sec MAG
002/600	Admin			
Training/Verification Division				
003/001	Division Chief	Col	ITA	
003/002	Course Dir	LTC	TUR 1	
003/003	Course Dir	LTC	USA	
003/004	Course Dir	LTC	GRC	
003/101	Instructor	Capt	BiH	
003/200	Division NCO	Sen NCO		
003/600	Admin			
Dialogue/Cooperation Division				
004/001	Division Chief	Col	TUR 1	
004/002	Seminar Dir	LTC	DEU	
004/003	Seminar Dir	LTC	ITA 1	
004/004	Seminar Dir	Maj	GRC 1	
004/100	S3 Officer	Capt	BiH	

004/101	S3 Officer	Capt	ROM	
004/102	S3 Officer	Capt	FYROM	
004/200	Division NCO	Sen NCO		
004/600	Admin			
Budget/Admin Dept				
005/500	Dept Head	Civ	DEU	also Budget Dir
005/501	Accountant	NCO	DEU	
005/502	Admin		HRV	
005/503	Cashier	NCO		
Press/Public Relations Dept				
006/001	Press Officer	LTC/Maj		
006/100	Specialist	Capt/Lt		Audiovis.Media
006/101	Specialist	Capt/Lt	HRV	Print Media
006/600	Admin			Mil or Civ
006/601	Admin			Mil or Civ

* Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name