



**CENTER for SECURITY COOPERATION**

27<sup>th</sup> June 2007

**MAG DECISIONS ON FUTURE STATUS OF RACVIAC**

**17<sup>th</sup> (EXTRAORDINARY) MAG MEETING  
27<sup>th</sup> June 2007, ZAGREB**

1. At the 17<sup>th</sup> extraordinary MAG meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June, the MAG continued its discussions on RACVIAC's future status and, taking into account the Croatian Chair's conclusions from the two meetings of the Working Group on RACVIAC's Status initiated by MAG, agreed on the following:

**a. MEMBERSHIP**

All countries of South Eastern Europe (SEECF members) are eligible to be Core Members of RACVIAC. All other countries wishing to support and contribute to security dialogue and cooperation in South Eastern Europe can participate in RACVIAC as Associate Members. The Core Members and the Associate Members will participate on an equal footing in the discussions of the MAG, which will take its decisions on the basis of consensus. Other interested countries, institutions or organizations may participate in RACVIAC activities as Observers after approval by the MAG. The MAG Terms of Reference will have to be amended accordingly.

**b. MAG CHAIR AND RACVIAC DIRECTOR**

The Core Members may nominate candidates for the chair of the MAG and the position of Director of RACVIAC.

**c. LEGAL STATUS**

RACVIAC has legal status, which allows it to function as a regional center and to fulfill all its tasks. The Director of RACVIAC, in accordance with the MAG Terms of Reference, can enter into agreements and contracts with other legal entities<sup>1</sup>.

**d. RELATIONS WITH REGIONAL COOPERATION COUNCIL (RCC)**

RACVIAC will function in close cooperation with the RCC and will inform the RCC on RACVIAC activities.

**e. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

The mission of RACVIAC is to foster dialogue and cooperation on security issues facing South Eastern Europe through a partnership between the countries of the region and their international partners with a special focus on European and Euro-Atlantic integration. In this connection, RACVIAC facilitates strong practical cooperation with EU, NATO, OSCE and other international organizations.

**f. SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES**

Security dialogue and security sector reform, as well as arms control, confidence and security building measures and defence conversion are core activities of RACVIAC. RACVIAC continues to explore cooperation with other partners on such issues as disarmament, non-proliferation, export control, counter-terrorism, combating international organized crime, integrated border management, and civil emergency planning, issues which deserve to be maintained as part of a wider regional security cooperation agenda. In preparing RACVIAC's program of activities, systematic consultation by RACVIAC with RACVIAC's main partners, such as NATO, the EU, OSCE and bilateral partners is needed. RACVIAC will also foster dialogue with civil society, academia and opinion makers.

**g. RACVIAC STAFFING**

RACVIAC staffing is crucial for its ability to fulfill its functions adequately and in a credible way. RACVIAC's staff is expected to be able to contribute to the substantial development of the agreed priority areas and operational tasks. In proposing staff for secondment, member states should carefully select personnel well qualified to the

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<sup>1</sup> The legal status is established by the Agreement between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on the establishment of the Regional Arms Control Verification and Implementation Assistance Center (RACVIAC). The Republic of Italy and the Republic of Turkey acceded this Agreement later on. Legal issues related to RACVIAC will continue to be discussed, as appropriate.

specific tasks who meet the requirements of the job description including fluency in English.

When required, the Director of RACVIAC may consult with the nations regarding the secondment of personnel in order to ensure that they fulfill the requirements for specific functions. After such consultation, the Director of RACVIAC is to take his decisions on staffing.

#### **h. RACVIAC FINANCING**

RACVIAC should have a stable financial basis to ensure its sustainability. RACVIAC's core budget, covering its "running costs", should be financed by its regional Core Members with effect from 1 January 2008.

Associate Members should contribute to RACVIAC's program activities. International partners, organizations and donor countries could make a general financial contribution to RACVIAC's program/operational budget and/or support certain specific program activities.

Details concerning the RACVIAC financing are addressed in Annex A- Annual Contribution to the Core Budget of RACVIAC.

#### **i. RACVIAC NAME**

As RACVIAC's name is well known in the international community, "representing a brand", it would not be wise to change it. Rather, to clarify its broader mission, the following should be added to the name, on a separate line: "Centre for Security Cooperation".

*Annex A- Annual Contribution to the Core Budget of RACVIAC.*