VIENNA DOCUMENT 2011 - EFFORTS TO REVITALISE CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY BUILDING

Compliance and Verification Course

in cooperation with
the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Croatia and OSCE

Dates
12 – 16 March 2012

Venue
RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation

Background
The new Vienna Document 2011 which entered into force in December 2011, sets out the procedures for a regular update of the Vienna Document (VD) every five years and, among other things, provides the data on the eligibility of air bases for hosting visits, the accuracy of coordinates of formations, combat units, air formations and air combat units, as well as on the time frame of verification activities and demonstrations of new types of weapon and equipment systems.

RACVIAC has organized intense VD 1999 courses for the countries of the South East European region since 2001. Now, after the new Agreement entered into force, thanks to the generous support of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Croatia and OSCE, RACVIAC is able to respond to the challenges of entering a new area of arms control activities and to carry out the Vienna Document 2011 (VD’11) Compliance and Verification Course.

Purpose & Objectives
The aim of the Vienna Document 2011 – Compliance and Verification Course is to introduce the participants to the new content of the Vienna Document 2011 in general, with a special focus on Article IX (Compliance and Verification), Inspection and Evaluation, giving a comprehensive, theoretical and practical analysis of the implementation of these activities. It will be organized in the spirit of the Vienna Document 2011, focusing on constraints and obligations arising from the aforementioned parts of document.

The objectives of the course are:

- To provide participants with updates on VD’99/VD’11 made for the first time in twelve years;
- To give an overview of the specified elements of the Vienna Document 2011, highlighting the most comprehensive and commonly followed rules and procedures of the execution thereof;
- To provide the participants with information about the current situation in the implementation of the inspections and the evaluation visits;
- To involve and train the participants so they can become inspectors or escorts;
- To deepen contacts between representatives of national organisations and agencies engaged in the implementation of arms control and/or security and confidence building measures.

Participants
Military or civilian personnel, members of Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Verification Agencies, International Organisations dealing with Vienna Document and part-time inspectors who wish to become members of inspection or escort teams during the activities in accordance with Chapter IX of the Vienna Document 2011. Lecturers include the representatives from national authorities, arms control agencies, and verification centres.

Methodology
This course is designed as a combination of theoretical (lectures/presentations) and practical activities. Lecturers will give a comprehensive and detailed overview of the relevant parts of the VD 2011. Participants will be actively involved in the course and have the opportunity to act as inspectors, while national procedures will be introduced to the course participants as well.

The working language of the course is English.

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