VIENNA DOCUMENT 2011
FORMATION/UNIT COMMANDERS’ COURSE

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Venue Hungarian Defence Forces Non-Commissioned Officers Academy / Szentendre, Hungary

Background
In order to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of the Vienna Document, RACVIAC has been organizing Vienna Document courses for the countries of the South East European region since 2001. At the 28th MAG Meeting, Hungary suggested RACVIAC to organize a Vienna Document 2011 Formation/Unit Commanders’ Course in the territory of Hungary, as its contribution to the regional Confidence- and Security-Building Measures (CSBMs). RACVIAC and the respective Hungarian authorities are going to carry out this task in close cooperation.

Purpose & Objectives
The purpose of this course is to give Formation/Unit Commanders an overview of the VD ‘11 and to provide a comprehensive theoretical analysis and guidance on the practical implementation of the relevant activities. It will be organized in the spirit and the letter of the VD ‘11, focusing on the duties and responsibilities of the Formation/Unit Commanders engaged in the implementation of the aforementioned document, thus demonstrating the real spirit of the Confidence- and Security-Building Measures. The course objectives are:

• To give an overview of the specified elements of the VD ‘11, highlighting the most comprehensive and commonly followed rules and procedures of its implementation;
• To inform the participants about the changes introduced to the Vienna Document in 2011 and the implementation of inspections and evaluation visits according to the VD ‘11;
• To train Formation/Unit Commanders in the subjects related to the planning and conducting of such activities based on the best practices;
• To deepen contacts between the representatives of national armed forces engaged in the accomplishment of arms control and Confidence- and Security-Building Measures;
• To provide participants with an opportunity to exercise an evaluation visit to a military unit, especially during the practical part of the course, thus demonstrating to the representatives of the SEE region the operations that should constitute a platform for future cooperation on the national, regional and international levels.

Participants
Approximately 20-25 participants, three from each of the following countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia, as well as representatives from other MAG countries. Participants should be Commanders of Formations/Units reported under Paragraph 10 of the VD ‘11. Participants are expected to have basic knowledge of the VD ‘11 and/or other arms control regimes and CSBMs. Lecturers will represent national arms control agencies or verification centres and other relevant international organisations, such as the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC).

Methodology
The course is designed as a combination of theoretical lectures and practical activities planned to be carried out at the HDF NCO Academy in Szentendre, Hungary. The invited lecturers/experts will cover a wide range of topics, giving a comprehensive and detailed overview of the relevant parts of the VD ‘11. A short question and answer session aimed at clarifying possible uncertainties will follow the presentations. The practical part should provide an excellent opportunity for the participants to gain experience in the duties of Formation/Unit Commanders receiving a VD ‘11 inspection or evaluation visit. The course working language will be English (STANAG – 3332 or equivalent).

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