Proliferation Security Initiative
Table-Top Exercise

Dates
13-15 April 2015

Venue
RACVIAC, Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Republic of Croatia

Background
This is the first event organised within the newly MAG-approved project of the C-WMD Network in RACVIAC whose aim is to facilitate the development or refinement of Countering WMD national strategies and action plans with willing partners in South East Europe. The C-WMD Network welcomes the support from EUCOM to support the planning and execution of a Proliferation Security Initiative event in implementing the project.

PSI has a long history in supporting cooperation in the field of counter-proliferation. This 2015 Table-Top Exercise is a continuation of the successful PSI TTX held in Zagreb in 2013, where participants highlighted the need for developing a legal framework to foster coordination and interoperability among partners and within nations. They concluded that the best way to strengthen security is by enhancing national measures and cooperating at the regional level. RACVIAC proposes to conduct three events per year to assist nations within South East Europe develop their strategies and action plans.

Purpose
The purpose of this table-top exercise is to discuss issues related to the development of strategies and actions plans.

Objectives
The PSI TTX objectives are:
- To provide information on international C-WMD obligations;
- To provide information on a CWMD risk assessment process;
- To provide best practices of typical organisations involved in the development and implementation of strategies and actions plans;
- To describe critical capabilities a nation must have for a successful strategy and action plan against the proliferation of WMD;
- To deepen contacts among representatives of national organisations and agencies engaged in the accomplishment of counterproliferation and of response to WMD.

Participants
Approximately 35 participants, namely three from: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Republic of Croatia, Kosovo*, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia1 Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Republic of Serbia and Ukraine. Representatives from each of the MAG countries, relevant international organizations and academics will also be invited. They should be either senior and junior military or civilian recommendation-makers. This TTX will be of particular interest to the members of national authorities involved with leading the development or refinement of national C-WMD strategies and action plans.

Methodology
The duration of the TTX is 3 days. It will comprise presentations, discussions and exercises, and it will provide an appropriate setting and atmosphere to encourage focused discussions. The working language will be English (STANAG 3232).

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* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence. (In accordance with Arrangements regarding regional representation and cooperation).

1 The Republic of Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.