

## MULTINATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP



## CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

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### 22<sup>nd</sup> MULTINATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009 RACVIAC, Republic of Croatia

#### Chairman's Conclusions

Herewith, I provide you with my Conclusions of the aforementioned Meeting:

#### **Agenda Item 1: Opening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> MAG Meeting and Adoption of its Agenda, Introduction of Participants**

The Agenda was adopted with no further amendments.

#### **Agenda Item 2: Director's Interim Report**

MAG took note of Director's Interim Report.

#### **Agenda Item 3: RACVIAC Programme**

MAG approved the 2010 RACVIAC Programme, subject to a case-by-case approval by Core Countries through Silence Procedure

#### **Agenda Item 4: Financial issues**

MAG took note of the 2009 Budget and of the 2010 Budget. MAG accepted the Recommendations from the Budgetary Meeting, which took place one day before the MAG Meeting.

MAG tasks the Director of RACVIAC to engage those countries in arrears at the highest possible level in order to clarify their political commitment towards RACVIAC and at his/her discretion to seek the assistance of the SEECF Chairmanship in this regard as appropriate.

#### **Agenda Item 5: RACVIAC Personnel situation**

MAG took note of the presented personnel situation and the vacant posts announced. Countries indicated that they would respond to further RACVIAC Vacancy Notification timely.

**Agenda Item 6: RACVIAC Legal Status**

MAG took note of the expressed readiness of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\*, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey to sign the RACVIAC Legal Status Agreement, as well as the negative answer from Bulgaria.

MAG tasks Director of RACVIAC

- to explore the most appropriate time and venue for the signing of the RACVIAC Legal Status Agreement and to submit this to Core Countries not later than the next MAG Meeting.
- to engage those Core countries that have not yet informed RACVIAC of their commitment to sign the Legal Status Agreement to come to doing so in a timely manner, which would allow them to sign it together on the same date with other six countries that have already informed RACVIAC of their readiness to sign the Agreement.

**Agenda Item 7: Nomination of the New MAG Chairperson**

MAG confirmed Mr Draško Jovanović, Deputy Minister for Defence Policy of Montenegro, as the new MAG Chairperson.

**Agenda Item 8: Date and Venue of the next MAG Meeting, and Any other Business\*\***

The date for the next Budgetary and the 23<sup>rd</sup> MAG Meeting is RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation is from 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Place of the meeting remains to be decided by the MAG Chairmanship.

MAG approved the signing of contract with the KPMG Company d.o.o. for external finance auditing service in fiscal years 2009 and 2010.

MAG took note of the nominations for the Chairperson of Working Group on Military Personnel Transition for the Year 2010, Lieutenant Colonel Grigore Chirica, and for the Chairperson of Working Group on Military Base Conversion for the Year 2010, Mr. Josip Mandić.

MAG took note of the Handover/Takeover ceremony between outgoing Director, Ambassador Nedžad Hadžimusić and incoming Director, Ambassador Nikola Todorčevski, which will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 11:00, in RACVIAC.

**Agenda Item 11: Conclusions**

MAG adopted the Conclusions.

Signed

Mr. Pjer Šimunović

State Secretary, Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Croatia

MAG Chairperson

Annexes:

Annex A- Recommendations from Budgetary Group

Annex B - RACVIAC Programme 2010

Annex C – MAG DEL 17/2009 ME nomination for MAG Chairperson

Annex D - List of participants

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\* Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.