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12-13 April 2011
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Chairman's Conclusions

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

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the 25th MAG Meeting and Adoption of its Agenda; Introduction of Participants

The Agenda was adopted with no further amendments.

Agenda Item 2: Director's Annual Report

MAG adopted the Director's Annual Report.

Agenda Item 3: RACVIAC Programme

MAG approved the updated Annual Programme for 2011 and took note of the Projection for the RACVIAC Programme 2012 -2015.

AL, BA, HR expressed their interest in organizing an activity in RACVIAC dealing with weapons, ammunition and dual use goods export control.

RS confirmed their willingness to host and co-organize the activity on Search and Rescue in 2011 and expressed interest in organizing a CSDP-related activity in 2012.

HU confirmed they would provide an aircraft with crew for the Open Skies activity in 2012.

RACVIAC will pursue the cooperation with Technical Assistance Information Exchange Instrument (TAIEX) from the European Commission in order to supports SEE countries to better understand the capacity-building process in terms of accepting EU standards and values which are indispensable for their future accession to the EU.

With regard to the Cyber Security Project Proposal, RACVIAC has been tasked to convene an event (workshop, conference, round table) within existing capacity in which Cyber Security threats, challenges and available resources would be analyzed. The Director will inform MAG of the outcome and propose a way ahead for the Project.

Agenda Item 4: Financial issues

MAG accepted the Recommendations from the Budgetary Meeting, which took place one day prior to the MAG Meeting, as stated hereunder.

- MAG invited members to pay their pending contributions as soon as possible, in order to ensure proper functioning of the Centre;
- MAG tasked the RACVIAC Management to issue monthly financial reports containing information on paid contributions and reminders for the members who haven't paid yet;
- MAG took note of the trend of decreasing Associate Members' contributions and the need to address this issue adequately;
- MAG encouraged those Associate Members that did not pledge any contributions for 2011 yet, to consider providing support to the Centre, which is indispensable for the Programme realization;
- MAG acknowledged that for the stable planning and running of RACVIAC a yearly Budget (Operating and Programme Part) of approximately 600,000.00 Euro is needed;
- MAG acknowledged the need to recalculate the Operating Part of its annual budget to the total amount of 400,000.00 Euro for the period from 2012-2015, due to a change in the number of the Members, which are now nine (including Romania) instead of eight;
- Croatia agreed in principle with the presented distribution of financial contributions for the period 2012-2015, provided it receives further clarification with respect to the formula applied;
- MAG took note of the need to recalculate the budget 2011 based on the statement of the Hellenic Republic to remain on the same level of contribution as in 2010.

The MAG Chairperson, acting upon consensus of the MAG, will send an official letter to Romanian authorities with regard to the outstanding contributions.

MAG adopted the Budget 2011 and took note of the Projection for the Budget 2012. Furthermore, MAG took note of the Financial Audit Report for the year 2010 and the proposals contained in that report. The further auditing should be discussed during the next financial meeting.

Agenda Item 5: RACVIAC Personnel situation

MAG took note of the RACVIAC personnel situation and firmly urged the RACVIAC Members and Associate Members to positively respond to the Vacancy Notifications.

Agenda Item 6: RACVIAC Strategy Paper

MAG endorsed the RACVIAC Strategy 2012-2015 as the MAG Decision Paper.

Agenda Item 7: Extension of tour of duty / Nomination of the Director of RACVIAC

MAG agreed to prolong the tour of duty of Ambassador Nikola Todorčevski for one additional year (by October 2012).

Agenda Item 8: Date and Venue of the next MAG Meeting and Any Other Business

The date for the next Budgetary and the 26th MAG Meeting is the 11-12 October 2011, RACVIAC facilities.

Agenda Item 9: Conclusions

MAG adopted the Conclusions.

Mr Zoran Šajinović
MAG Chairperson



Annexes:

- Annex A - Report from the Budgetary Meeting, 12th April 2011
- Annex B - Financial Contributions to the Operating part 2011
- Annex C - Distribution of the contributions for the Members 2012-2015
- Annex D - MAG DEC.01/2011-RACVIAC Strategy 2012-2015
- Annex E - List of Participants