



EURODEFENSE

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN

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Co-chairing : Eurodéfense-United-Austria & Eurodéfense-Deutschland

Statement of decisions

(initial drafting-26 04 2010- not yet approved by the Presidents)

Encl : 1.- Attendance list of the Council meeting in Friedrichshafen.

2.- Planning of EURODEFENSE activities (*ed. 25 04 2010*).

3.- List of the European working groups (EWGs)-(*ed. 25 04 2010*).

The Council is very pleased to welcome the new ED-España Secretary general, General Manuel Bretón-Romero. In other respect, regretting ED-Luxembourg absence, it offers its deep sympathy to the association, and also to Mrs Linosa on the occasion of the death of the general Salvatore Mosè Linosa, her husband, ED-Luxembourg Secretary general. Also it regrets the absences of ED-Grèce, ED-Magyarország and ED-United-Kingdom, the latter being stuck by the flights cancellations resulting from the volcanic action from Iceland.

1.- Approval of the Statement of London Council decisions

The Statement of decisions – dated 20 September 2009- of the Presidents Council of 09 and 11 September 2009 in London is approved with no amendments.

2.- EURODEFENSE organisation and internal functioning.

2.1.- Secretary general EURODEFENSE.

In accordance to the article 4.3. of the EURODEFENSE Charter, the commission assigned to ED-France by the Council in The Hague (April 2006) is coming to its end. The Council unanimously asks ED-France to keep that responsibility for a new mandate (2014) to be confirmed in 2012.

2.2.- National associations.

2.2.1.- EuroDéfense-United-Kingdom.

Andrew Douglas-Bate has announced his resignation as President of ED-UK. His successor is John Howe, already member of the association, former Vice Chairman of Thalès UK.

Sir Moray Stewart has also decided to resign as Vice President and his place is being taken by Major General (Rtd) Alan Sharman.

The Council approves the proposal from the Secretary general to send to Andrew Douglas-Bate a thanks and congratulations letter signed by all the Presidents as an acknowledgement of his commitment.

2.2.2.- EuroDéfense-España.

General José Sánchez Méndez has requested to be replaced ; his successor is General Manuel Bretón-Romero.

2.2.3.- EuroDéfense-Luxembourg.

A new Secretary general has not been assigned yet. Marc Martin provisionally performs the duty, but his own professional duties do not allow him to spend time enough doing it.

2.3.- Development of contacts with the European Establishment.

Referring back to its wish expressed at the 11 September 2009 meeting in London (cf. Statement of decision § 2.2.), the Council notes the meetings of the Secretary general :

- on 12 February with *Álvaro de Vasconcelos, director of the EU Institute for Security Studies* , who does not show any interest for EURODEFENSE works ;
- on 29 March with *Claude-France Arnould, Deputy Director general – Crisis Management and Planning Directorate – General Secretariat of the Council of the EU* ; she has shown a deep interest for the activities of EURODEFENSE, which she already knows, and she has agreed for regular meetings (quarterly ?) and also for participating in EURODEFENSE events.

The Council conveys its wish to meet with *Catherine Ashton, the new High Representative of EU for the Common Foreign and Security Policy*, on the occasion of an important event or of the issue of a high standard document.

2.4.- Directory EURODEFENSE.

The Council approves the repeated recommendation from the Secretary general regarding the directory ; the national associations have to provide him with the needed updates, especially those related to the names, coordinates, e-mail addresses of the persons in charge of the national associations EuroDéfense.

3.- Works of the EURODEFENSE network.

3.1.- Continuation of the 2008 – 2009 cycle.

The Council conveys its satisfaction for the high quality of the complete Report of the XV° ICE – London (September 2009). It especially thanks ED-UK for this tremendous work, the final version of which has been distributed on 22 March 2010.

3.2.- Works in progress.

3.2.1.- EWGs – EURODEFENSE Working groups.

- **EWG 11 (ED-France) – “Security and stability within the Mediterr basin”.**
The second part of the survey – “*economics aspects*”- remains on standby for the time being, waiting new developments through the UFM.
- **EWG 13 (ED-Portugal) – “Climate change and international security”.**
The involvement of the associations has been weak and disappointing. Nevertheless, a paper is being drafted to be discussed in Vienna.

- **EWG 14 (ED-España) – “Futures and capabilities”.**

The involvement of the associations has been weak until now, but other contributions are expected. A working paper will be presented at the ICE in Vienna.

3.2.2.- EURODEFENSE website.

The Council confirms the decision taken in London on September 2009 of establishing a permanent working group, and stresses the fact that all the associations have to designate a representative ; the person in charge of the working group is to be a member of the association in charge of the Secretariat general (ED-France for the time being).

The Council notes that the expenditures related to the site development and to the trade marks purchase have been supported by ED-France until now, but there will be sooner or later a financial issue.

The Council confirms the decisions taken in Rome on 10 November 2007, especially on the “ posting of documents” and on the articles to be written by the presidents in turn for the EURODEFENSE network home page : “this article will present, with both national and European views, a topic of EURODEFENSE interest ; the turn will go according to the dates of creation of the associations of the network, beginning with ED-Deutschland...” (*ref : statement of decisions dated 24 November 2007 - § 2.4.*). To date, ED-Deutschland only has fulfilled its duty.

3.3.- Other works.

3.3.1.- Survey “From EuroDéfense to EuroSecurity”.

The Council conveys its deep thanks to ED-Deutschland for the interesting and thorough survey presented by the *Prof Dr HolgerMey, vice-président, Advanced concepts, Defence & Security, EADS Deutschland.*

It approves the ED-Deutschland President proposal of asking all the associations for producing a written comment, not later than 15 June 2010, on the working paper “*From EuroDefense to EuroSecurity*”

3.3.2.- Consequences for EURODEFENSE OF Lisbon Treaty implementation.

The Council notes that the not yet well established position of the new *High Representative of EU for the Common Foreign and Security Policy* might allow EURODEFENSE to show its value by bringing to her its expertise and its knowledge of the issues. The PSC issue, very promising for building Europe, should be used. At the end of a long discussion about it, the Council asks ED-España and ED-Belgium (countries which are in charge of European Presidency in 2010) for leading the writing of a document on PSC for Mrs Ashton, by starting from the paper distributed by ED-France.

3.3.3.- Termination of WEU Treaty

The Council deeply regrets the decision of the WEU members States to stop the ESDA activity on the 30th of June 2011. For the time being, it asks :

- the ED-Nederland president, former Secretary general of the WEU Assembly, to write proposals for allowing the national parliamentarians to be aware of the CSDP progress ;
- the Secretary general to contact the ESDA/WEU Assembly Secretary general in order to select some parliamentarians of the 13 countries “EuroDéfense who would agree to maintain the contact with the associations of EURODEFENSE network for a good mutual information.

4.- Main activities EURODEFENSE 2009 – 2012.

4.1.- Year 2010.

4.1.1.- Topic of the year 2010

The Council approves the topic chosen by the President of ED-Austria, acting president of the network EURODEFENSE (*cf. Statement of decisions 20 September 2009 – London - § 4.2.*) : “The Lisbon Treaty and the future of CSDP”.

4.1.2.- Sessions of the European Security and Defence Assembly – ESDA / WEU.

All the EURODEFENSE Presidents are invited to attend the sessions 2010 of the ESDA / WEU Assembly, from 15 to 17 June and from 30 November to 2 December.

4.1.3.- 4° Young Europeans EURODEFENSE Conference (YEEC).

The 4th YEEC will be organised by ED-France from 11 to 17 July, in Saint Cyr l’Ecole, in the outskirts of Paris, according to the framework given in the message distributed on 15 January :

- the delegates are accommodated on the site ;
- the only expenditures to be paid by the delegates are for transport to and from St Cyr ; all the other expenditures are paid by ED-France ;
- each association may propose up to eight delegates, 22 to 32 years old ;
- the dead line for registration is 15 June ;
- ED-France will send three different files :
 - registration file sent through internet toward the associations which will have to distribute to their delegates ;
 - information file sent through internet individually toward each delegate ;
 - welcome file handed on the arrival into Saint Cyr l’Ecole.

It is suggested that before joining Paris, the delegates be gathered by their association in order to meet and to get some necessary instructions.

4.1.4.- XVI° International Conference EURODEFENSE (ICE) 2010 – ED-Austria.

The place (Vienna or Baden ?) and the exact date will be set not later than 15 May. The two possible time spaces are :

- P 1 : 14 – 16 October ;
- P 2 : 21 – 23 October.

4.1.5.- Activities of the national associations EuroDéfense.

- **ED-France** will organise on the 19th of April a daily closed session on “*European Defence R&T : Present reality and future prospects*”. All the EURODEFENSE members are invited to participate ; to register to the Secretary general.
- **ED-Deutschland** is co-organising, at the beginning of November, the annual “Berlin Congress” on defence issues.
- **ED-France** follows on two internal surveys : “*Disarmament and proliferation*” and “*Economic and industrial repercussions of the investments in high technology*”.
- **ED-Romania** draws the attention toward the report “European Security Research and Innovation forum” (website www.esrif.eu).

4.2.- Year 2011.

4.2.1.- Presidents Council.

According to the “activities planning EURODEFENSE”, the first Presidents Council 2011 will be organized by EuroDéfense-Magyarország or, if any difficulty, by ED-Romania, in accordance with the rules of the Charter - § 4.1.2.; it will be co-chaired by ED-Magyarország (or Romania) and ED-Belgium.

4.2.2.- XVII^o International Conference EURODEFENSE - (ICE 2011).

It is confirmed that the ICE 2011 will be organised by ED-Belgium on Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 October in Bruxelles. The topic will be “Politics and practice”.

4.3.- Planning 2012 – 2014.

*The planning of the 2013 and 2014 meetings **is to be** imperatively settled during the Presidents Council in Vienna-Baden (October 2010).*

4.3.1.- Présidents Council :

- in 2012, EuroDéfense-Romania ;
- in 2013, ????
- in 2014, ????

4.3.2.- International Conference EURODEFENSE - (ICE) :

- in 2012, Euro-Défense-España ;
- in 2013, ????
- in 2014, ????

4.3.3.- Young Europeans EURODEFENSE Conference - (YEEC) :

- in 2012, EuroDéfense-Portugal ;
- in 2014, EuroDéfense-España.

As a conclusion of this two days meeting, the Presidents Council conveys its thanks and its congratulations to ED-Deutschland for its very nice and warm welcome, for the very good organisation and for the quality of the discussions.

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