



EURODEFENSE

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

BADEN – Thursday 4 and Saturday 6 November 2010

Chairing : EuroDéfense-Austria

Statement of decisions

(initial drafting-07 12 2010- not yet approved by the Presidents)

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

2.- Motion on “Implementation of the CSDP”(Fr & Eng).

3.- Motion on “Parliamentary scrutiny of the CSDP”(Fr & Eng).

4.- Report on EURODEFENSE website (Fr & Eng).

5.- Planning of EURODEFENSE activities (ed. 11.11.2010).

6.- List of the European working groups (EWGs)-(ed. 2010-2011).

The Council offers its deep sympathy to President Erich Hochleitner on the occasion of the death of Mrs Hochleitner, his wife. In other respect, it is very pleased to welcome the new ED-UK vice-president, Major General(Rtd) Alan Sharman. But it very much regrets that EuroDéfense-Grèce, Luxembourg and Romania cannot be present in Baden and attend the Presidents Council meetings.

1.- Approval of the Statement of Friedrichshafen Council decisions

The Statement of decisions – dated 24 April 2010- of the Presidents Council of 15, 16 and 17 April 2010 in Friedrichshafen is approved with no amendments.

2.- EURODEFENSE organisation and internal functioning.

2.1.- EURODEFENSE Presidency 2011.

In accordance with § 4.1. of the Charter, the President of EuroDéfense-Belgium will be in charge of the network Presidency from the 1st of January 2010; he will co-chair the “Spring Council” 2011 in Hungary with the President of EuroDéfense-Magyarország.

2.2.- National associations.

2.2.1.- EuroDéfense-Magyarország

The Secretary general, Gaspar Varkonyi, has requested to be replaced ; a new Secretary general has not been assigned yet.

2.2.2.- EuroDéfense-Luxembourg.

Due to the lack of reactions from ED-Luxembourg for the last year, the Secretary general is requested to establish contact and to check that ED-Luxembourg has effectively got all the documents and other information from EURODEFENSE.

2.3.- Extension.

The Secretary general is given the mandate to carry on the contacts with Poland through the Polish Embassy in Paris. It would be nice to identify a Polish representative before the next Council in Budapest and to invite him/her at the next ICE in Brussels.

2.4.- Future Role of EuroDéfense Associations

The Council acknowledges receipt of the document drafted by ED-Portugal and ED-España. It is suggested that document be discussed at the next Council in Budapest.

3.- Works of the EURODEFENSE network.

3.1.- Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

The Council approves the texts of two motions related to the CSDP :

- Motion on “*Implementation of the CSDP*” (Encl. 2);
- Motion on “*Parliamentary scrutiny of the CSDP*” (Encl. 3).

The Presidents of the 13 EuroDéfense associations undertake to convey those messages to all those at European and national level with responsibility for security and defence.

3.2.- Convergence of external and internal security.

The Council approves the ED-Deutschland President proposal of launching a working group (*EWG 15*) in charge of following up the survey “*From EuroDéfense to EuroSecurity*” with a new name : “*Convergence of external and internal security*”. That EWG will have to prioritize the recommendations of the report and to make proposals at the next Council meeting in Budapest.

3.3.- EWGs – European working groups.

- **EWG 11** (ED-France) – “**Security and stability within the Mediterranean basin**”.
The group still remains on standby.
- **EWG 13** (ED-Portugal) – “**Climate change and international security**”.

The Council endorses the proposals of the working group :

- approval of the new abridged report with some minor amendments to be done not later than 15th of December ; this report might be published on web sites ;
- drafting of a short report (max. 3 pages) to be submitted to the Council at the next meeting in Budapest in order to be sent to the HR for the CFSP as well as to other possible European institutional leaders (European Parliament, Commission, European Council).

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

The Council endorses the proposals of the working group :

- to produce within the next three months a “Note” as an “eye opener” on the situation of European Security and Defence to be published simultaneously in the most significant European newspapers towards the citizens as well as the political leaders ;
- to review the existing documents on capabilities and to focus the attention on essential issues ;
- to contribute to the development of guidance for the implementation of the Permanent Structure Cooperation.

3.4.- EURODEFENSE website (*enclosure 4*).

The Council notes the conclusions of the working group and endorses its proposals :

- to follow up with drawing up a “request for proposal”:
 - including new requirements and services,
 - with appropriate security provisions.
- to validate that document with EuroDéfense network webmasters.

Also, it recommends once again all the national EuroDéfense associations, which have not done it yet, to provide the Secretary general with the name and the coordinates of its “internet representative”.

3.5.- Comparison of the defence efforts of the European countries.

The Council notes the great interest arisen from the presentation done by the ED-France President in the plenary session of the ICE, especially to the European Parliament members.

ED-France is kindly requested to carry on the 2011 up-date of the survey. It is reminded that the contributions from the national associations are welcome, in particular by conveying the relevant data related to their own country.

4.- Main activities EURODEFENSE 2010 – 2014.

4.1.- Year 2010.

4.1.1.- International Conference EURODEFENSE (ICE) –Vienne-Baden– 4/6 Nov.

The Council does thank ED-Austria for its very warm welcome. It conveys its satisfaction for the progress and the very high standard of the talks and discussions, and for the quality of the speakers in the plenary session on Friday 5th.

The time schedule of the EURODEFENSE internal activities (4th and 6th Nov) has been very much appreciated as it allowed the working groups to meet and to work efficiently. The workshop of the opening session has been of high interest and it would be very useful to get a written report of it.

The full report of the ICE is to be drafted by ED-Austria.

4.1.2.- Young Europeans EURODEFENSE Conference (YEEC) – Paris -12/17 July –

The Council does thank and congratulate ED-France for this very successful event. All the feedbacks are very positive. Some young have joined the ED-Associations.

It is a good example of what EURODEFENSE can do for promoting the European values. It is suggested, for the next YEEC, that the candidates will be requested to write a motivation letter.

4.1.3.- Sessions of the European Security and Defence Assembly – ESDA / WEUA.

All the EuroDéfense Presidents are invited to attend the second session 2010 of the ESDA / WEUA, on November 30th and December, 1st and 2nd.

4.2.- Year 2011.

In accordance with the decision taken by the Presidents Council in London (2009), the general topic for the year has been set by the EURODEFENSE Executive President of the year, in 2011 ED-Belgium President : “CSDP – Politics and Practice”.

4.2.1.- Presidents Council.

According to the “EURODEFENSE activities planning”, the first Presidents Council 2011 will be organized by EuroDéfense-Magyarország in accordance with the rules of the Charter - § 4.1.2.; it will be co-chaired by ED-Magyarország and ED-Belgium. It will take place in Budapest from 12 May 14 h 00 to 14 May morning.

4.2.2.- XVII° International Conference EURODEFENSE - (ICE 2011).

The ICE 2011 will be organised by ED-Belgium in Brussels in the IRSD/ERM from Wednesday October 19th afternoon to Friday 21st night.

4.2.3.- Last session of the European Security and Defence Assembly – ESDA / WEU.

All the EuroDéfense Presidents will be invited to attend the 60° and last session of the ESDA / WEUA, in May or June 2011.

4.3.- Planning 2012 – 2014.

The planning of the 2013 and 2014 meetings is to be settled during the Presidents Council in Budapest (May 2011).

4.3.1.- Présidents Council :

- in 2011, EuroDéfense-Magyarország,
- in 2012, EuroDéfense-Romania,
- in 2013, EuroDéfense-France,
- in 2014, ??????

4.3.2.- International Conference EURODEFENSE - (ICE) :

- in 2011, EuroDéfense-Belgique (Brussels – 19, 20, 21 October)
- in 2012, Euro-Défense-España,
- in 2013, ???????????
- in 2014, ???????????

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

- in 2012, EuroDéfense-Portugal, to be confirmed,
- in 2014, EuroDéfense-España

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