



EURODÉFENSE-FRANCE

Le Président

Paris, 22 March 2013

Mr President, Dear friend,

In accordance with the activities planning of our network EURODEFENSE, EuroDéfense-France will host the Presidents Council meeting in Paris from 17 to 19 avril 2013. Thus a preparatory file has been sent on the 1st of February to give you the outline of the programme and useful information for booking the hotels.

Today, it is my privilege to invite you formally to that event. It will be an honor and my pleasure to welcome you in Paris, and also a member of your association and your wives.

I wish that our meetings give us the opportunity to share our reflections on the functioning of our network, and also on the European defence and its major problems. In that prospect, this year is especially important since NATO will have to draw lessons from the new strategical situation after Afghanistan, and the December 2013 European Council will deal with the defence issues.

Therefore, as we had agreed in Madrid, the meeting in Paris might give us the occasion to put into shape the participation of EURODEFENSE to the preparation of the December European Council, which should give a new impulse to the CSDP. For this purpose, EuroDéfense-France has sent you on the 14th of March, to be discussed, a draft which might be sent to President van Rompuy. I request from you to inquire and work on it and to express your comments. The aim is to produce our contribution as soon as possible in order that our proposals may be taken in account in the European Council preparation.

In other respects, you may note in the programme that your presence in Paris give us the opportunity to organize a « closed » symposium on the theme « capabilities needs of Defence Europe » ; the speakers list appears in the enclosed note ; unless some unforeseen problems, the symposium should be closed by Jean-Yves le Drian, Minister of defence.

Expressing again the pleasure to welcome you, I kindly request that you confirm the participation of your association by **sending back the enclosed registration form not later than 8 April.**

I wish you a nice time in Paris.

Sincerely yours.

Jean-Paul Perruche