



EURODEFENSE

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

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Co-chairing : Eurodéfense-Luxembourg & Eurodéfense-España

Statement of decisions

(initial drafting- 28 05 2008- not yet approved by the Presidents)

Encl : - Attendance list of the Council meeting in Madrid.
 - Planning of EURODEFENSE activities.
 - List of the European working groups (EWGs).

The Council regrets that EuroDéfense-Magyarország cannot attend this meeting in Madrid and conveys its faithful wishes to them.

1.- Approval of the Statement of Rome Council decisions

The Statement of decisions – dated 24 November 2007- of the Presidents Council of 8 and 10 November 2007 in Rome is approved with the following amendments :

1.1.- Paragraph “3.1.1.3.- EWG 10”.

The writing of that paragraph is amended as follows :

“The Council approves the conclusions of the working group. The finalized report will be submitted by ED-Portugal for approval by the associations of the network through the silent procedure (10 days), then sent to the EU High representative for the CFSP.

However, the Council notes that the working group has not held the proposal from ED-France to deal in its report with the issue of the European chain of command. As that issue is linked with the works of EWG 1-B, it is decided that these works will be continued and included within the 2007-2008 cycle (ref. § 3.2.2.)”.

1.2.- Paragraph “3.2.- Works 2007-2008”.

1.2.1.- The writing of the **paragraph 3.2.2.** is amended as follows :

“3.2.2.- EWG 1-B - European command and planning capabilities.

As set above § 3.1.1., the EWG 1-B works led by ED-Austria are included within the 2007-2008 cycle”.

1.2.1.- Title of the **paragraph 3.2.3.** : instead of “**EWG 13 (new)**”, “**EWG 12 (new)**”.

2.- EURODEFENSE organisation and internal functioning.

2.1.- Amendments to the Charter EURODEFENSE.

2.1.1.- Addition to paragraph “2.- OBJECTIVES” : as proposed by ED-España, it is decided to add the following paragraph : “**2.3.4.** *to encourage and to stimulate the cooperation between the European defence industries, particularly by assisting the European Defence Agency (EDA)*”.

2.1.2.- Organisation of the international meetings : in order to make easier the organisation of those meetings (yearly, or two-yearly for the young members), it would be useful to settle their framework (principles, rules, possible procedures) ; therefore, the Secretary general is requested to draft the “Standard Procedures for the international meetings EURODEFENSE” ; this document might be, after the Council approval, the annex 3 of the Charter ; the draft is to be sent before the 1st of September in order to be discussed at the next Council meeting, in Luxembourg.

2.2.- Extension of the EURODEFENSE network.

The trends settled by the Council in Rome are confirmed :

- priority to the consolidation of the existing network ;
- continuation of the admission procedures now in due course : Czech Republic (Secretary general) and Sweden (ED-Nederland and ED-UK).

2.3.- Directory EURODEFENSE.

The Council approves the Secretary general advice to “keep alive” the network directory : every association is requested to provide the Secretary general with the necessary updates, especially those related to the Board and the Board members (President, Secretary general, etc...) : names, coordinates, e-mail address.

Only that information on the Board and Board members of every association will be on line on the website EURODEFENSE page.

3.- Works of the EURODEFENSE network.

3.1.- Continuation of the 2006 – 2007 cycle.

- The final version of the EWG 10 report – “**The EU as a global actor for peace**”- has been approved through the silent procedure and distributed.
- The document “*A new impulse to EDA - the 7 Commandments*”, approved by the Council in Rome (*thus attached to the Statement of decisions dated 24.11.2008*) is to be widely disseminated by every national association EuroDéfense.
- EuroDéfense-Italia is working on writing the Report of the XIII^o IME – Rome (November 2007)

3.2.- Works in progress.

3.2.1.- EWGs – Working groups.

- **EWG 1-B** (ED-Austria) – “**European command & planning capabilities**” (*continuation of the EWG 1-A works*).
The progress report submitted by ED-Austria is approved. The final report should be submitted at the IME in Luxembourg, in September 2008.
- **EWG 11** (ED-France) – “**Security and stability within the Mediterr basin**”.
The Council notes the progress of the works and the ED-France invitation to the working day on that topic in Paris, on 29 May 2008. ED-France will issue a working paper preparatory to that session.
- **EWG 12** (ED-Deutschland) – “**NGOs contribution to ESDP**”.
Hartmut Bühl is the study coordinator. Every association is requested to nominate a representative.
The Council approves the questionnaire submitted by ED-Deutschland but suggests restricting the study to a few categories of NGOs (to be specified).

3.2.2.- EURODEFENSE website.

The Council notes the development level of the website and approves the continuation of the works ; it conveys its satisfaction for the already achieved connections and the functioning of the links with the existing websites of some associations.

The decisions taken at the Council in Rome (*réf. § 2.4. of the “statement of decisions” dated 24.11.2007*) are confirmed. Particularly, every association is requested again to nominate an “internet representative” and to provide the Secretary general with its name and its coordinates in order to make easier the continuation of the development

3.3.- Other works.

3.3.1.- New working group.

The Council approves the project submitted by ED-Portugal of settling a working group “*Climate change and international security*”. This group will be presented and launched at the IME in Luxembourg.

3.3.2.- “Defence package” of the European Union.

ED-UK is making a survey of the “defence package”. The other associations EuroDéfense are requested to send them their comments on the draft issued in session.

4.- International Meeting EURODEFENSE (IME) 2008 – ED-Luxembourg

As confirmed in Rome, the IME 2008 organised by ED-Luxembourg will take place in Luxembourg from 26 September afternoon to 28 September. In the prospect of the Lisbon Treaty ratification, its general topic might be the elaboration of the ESDP and the evaluation of the European security Strategy.

The Council requests that, with the same general proceeding as the previous IME, the organization allows time for real discussions.

5.- Main activities EURODEFENSE 2008 – 2011.

5.1.- Year 2008.

5.1.1.- Meetings with High Authorities.

The Council thanks and congratulates ED-Espana warmly for managing the audience granted by HM the King of Spain and the working meeting with Mr. Solana, High Representative of the EU.

5.1.2.- Young Europeans EURODEFENSE Meeting (YEEM) 2008.

Due to the incapacity of ED-Austria to organise the 4th YEEM (2008), ED-Grèce agrees to try to do it **subject to financial support**.

5.1.3.- Activities of the national associations EuroDéfense.

- **ED-Austria :**
 - Seminar “Lisbon Treaty and ESDP” – 28 & 29 April – Brussels.
 - Summer school – AEIS / ED-Austria : ED-Austria invites young members of the whole EURODEFENSE network to attend the AEIS Summer school 2008 from 14 to 18 July.
- **ED-France :** Working day EWG 11 “Mediterranean Sea”- 29 May – Paris
- **ED-Grèce :** Summer session for young members – GAAEC – July – Crete (more information to be given)
- **ED-Nederland :** Seminar “ESDP and Democray after Lisbon Treaty”- (to be specified).

5.2.- Year 2009.

5.2.1.- Presidents Council.

According to the “activities planning EURODEFENSE”, the first Presidents Council 2009 will be organized by EuroDéfense-Austria in accordance with the rules of the Charter - § 4.1.2.; it will be co-chaired by ED-Austria and ED-United Kingdom..

5.2.2.- XV° International Meeting EURODEFENSE - (IME 2009).

In charge of the organization, ED-United Kingdom states that the IME 2009 will take place from 09 to 12 September.

5.3.- Planning 2009 – 2011.

The planning of the 2012 meetings is to be settled during the Presidents Council in Luxembourg (September 2008).

5.3.1.- Présidents Council :

- in 2009, EuroDéfense-Austria,
- in 2010, EuroDéfense-Deutschland,
- in 2011, EuroDéfense-Magyarország.

5.3.2.- International Meeting EURODEFENSE - (IME) :

- in 2008, EuroDéfense-Luxembourg.
- in 2009, EuroDéfense-United Kingdom.
- in 2010, EuroDéfense-Austria.
- in 2011, EuroDéfense-Belgique.

5.3.3.- Young Europeans EURODEFENSE Meeting - (YEEM) :

- in 2008, EuroDéfense-Grèce.
- in 2010, EuroDéfense-France.

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