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GUIDELINES FOR A FIEP DOCTRINE**

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The FIEP extraordinary meeting held in Barcelona on June 22nd and 23rd 2005 aimed at presenting a working project for establishing a common doctrine to the Association, was attended by representatives from all FIEP Police Forces; the 'Carabineros' from Chile and the National Gendarmerie Force from Argentina also attended this meeting as observers. The General, Head of the Regional Headquarters of the Civil Guard in Catalonia opened the meeting.

Participants were sent a working draft in advance. During the meeting it was given a presentation on a proposal aimed at providing guidelines for the creation of a common doctrine, as well as practical example on how a first draft of the doctrine could be set up.

Although the difficulties entailed in its preparation were recognised, the presentation was considered a good initial document for further discussions. We hereby present some comments about the document:

- A compartmentalised drafting of the document will favour its further development.
- It would be convenient that members fix several minor objectives within the doctrine, in order to avoid fruitless efforts if attempting to reach the whole .
- The doctrine should represent an added value to the Gendarmerie Forces.
- The doctrine practical use should not only mean having such a doctrine, but being able to use it at International Fora.
- The doctrine must make some reference to organized crime.
- The doctrine could be used as a platform for the European Defence and Security Policy.
- The most debated question referred mainly to the '*raison d'être*' of elaborating a doctrine; and in the second instance, to the missions it should include and its contents.

In order to define the aims of the doctrine different ideas were discussed. They have been included in the following Decalogue of Intent:

1. Suitability of drafting a common doctrine comprising the main principles, concepts and guidelines for the organization, training and use of police forces with military status.
2. Reciprocal knowledge of the FIEP Members and recognition of their Member Institutions at national and international fora.
3. Establishment of a common interoperable system for the exercise of public security.
4. Recognition of FIEP efficiency in fulfilling international police missions, and the importance of its contribution to international police cooperation and technical assistance.
5. Strengthening of the added value that the military status contributes to the fulfilment of policing missions assigned to the FIEP Members.
6. Adaptation of the FIEP Forces to the emerging security requirements that society demands, especially the fight against terrorism, organized crime and irregular immigration.
7. Consideration of the Association capability to undertake projects of considerable importance to be consolidated both at strategic and tactical level.
8. Establishing an abiding security model that can be strengthened by future generations.
9. Providing the citizens with the protection required by means of an efficient police service.
10. Contribution to the improvement of an area of freedom, security and justice on a Mediterranean and European scale, suitable for being projected to other geographical areas.

Regarding the points mentioned above, the following observations were made:

- The doctrine should not be used to justify the existence of police forces with military status. Therefore, it is necessary to put on record the contributions of such police forces (national and international security provided).
- Afterwards the debate addressed different aspects, such as the possibility to amend the Statutes (not advisable now), the need to give continuity to

the Commissions' work through the fulfilment of a working protocol, and the creation of a Permanent Secretariat . As to the latter, the prevailing idea was not to create such an office because it would be too expensive and there is not a work load important enough as to justify its existence on a permanent basis.

The conclusions of the meeting were the following:

- The efforts aimed at the creation of a FIEP common doctrine should continue on the basis of the draft presented as an initial document for the work to be carried out.
- In order to give continuity to the efforts aimed at elaborating the doctrine, it was suggested the creation of a specific Working Group that could be limited and permanent in time.
- During the preparatory meeting previous to the Summit it should be established the convenience of holding a specific meeting on doctrine next year, or the possibility of devoting the meeting of the Service and Organization Commission exclusively to that issue.

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