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The forces members of FIEP were represented, as follows, during the FIEP “European affairs” commission meeting:

FRANCE	Lieutenant-colonel COAT Michel Lieutenant-colonel LEDOUX Philippe Major ROUCHOUSE Vincent Captain SCHOENHER Dominique 2 nd Lieutenant BETREMIEUX Fabien
ITALY	Lieutenant-colonel MENNITTI Massimo Captain FEROCCE Gianluca
SPAIN	Lieutenant-colonel GIL SANCHEZ Juan Manuel Major MELLADO VALVERDE Jose Antonio
PORTUGAL	Major PEIRRERA SOARES Paulo Antonio Captain COSTA E SILVA Simao Pedro
NETHERLANDS	Major DE RIDDER Piet
ROMANIA	Lieutenant-colonel PREDA Valentin
TURKEY	Lieutenant-colonel KARATAY Fuat Captain KOC Haluck
MOROCCO	Captain KASMI Yezza
ARGENTINA	Lieutenant-colonel OTERO Gerardo
CHILE	Lieutenant-colonel NAVARRETE Gustavo

Three main topics have been discussed during the meeting:

- **The degree of participation of the Guardia Civil in the networks of European police cooperation: SIRENE, EUROPOL, INTERPOL**

Major MELLADO VALLVERDE presented the interest and difficulties for the Spanish Guardia Civil to be represented in the different institutional police information networks (Europol, Interpol, SIRENE, SIS).

The conclusion of this presentation is that the presence of Guardia Civil in these liaison offices is not sufficient and dispersed. In order to be aware of the situation in the other FIEP countries, the Spanish delegation proposed a questionnaire to the European FIEP members.

- **The Twinning and AGIS European Union programs**

Captain SCHOENER presented the ongoing and proposed twinning programs as well as the granted and proposed AGIS programs in which the French gendarmerie is involved.

The presentation and ensuing discussions have highlighted the necessity for FIEP members to coordinate their actions within the framework of the European funding programs.

- **The European Security and Defence Policy**

The meeting was mainly devoted to a discussion about ESDP. The French delegation gave an overview of the last achievements of the Dutch presidency in ESDP and highlighted some key issues such as the meeting of the chief of police held in Warnsveld, the civilian capabilities conference, and the civilian headline goal 2008.

During the discussions the delegations agreed on the following:

- **The necessity to identify a point of contact in charge of ESDP in each force and commit to communicate a.s.a.p the contact information of this “ESDP point of contact”. A mailing list have to be established.**
- **FIEP members should communicate on their level of participation in CIVCOM meetings and provide the name of their representative in these meetings.**
- **FIEP members could organize workshops on ESDP matters in order to consolidate a FIEP common position before discussions in a CIVCOM format. In this regard the Civilian headline goals and civilian military cell require a specific attention .**
- **The necessity to warn non EU FIEP members on ESDP evolutions, particularly on ESDP police missions and on possible participation of third countries.**
- **To add to the agenda of the next two meetings a point of information about ESDP .**

The aim of this propositions is to improve the coordination, the proactivity, the exchange of information and lessons learned of the FIEP members within the framework of ESDP.

During this meeting delegations visited the **European Parliament** and the **Council of Europe**. These two visits provided the opportunity to lobby in favour of FIEP and gendarmerie type forces in general:

➤ **European Parliament**

The delegations met Mr Philippe MORILLON – French Member of the European Parliament (former four stars general in the French Army – and commander of the UNPROFOR in Bosnia) who stressed the necessity for the EU to give itself the means of assuming its diplomatic ambitions. In this context Gendarmerie type forces have a role to play.

➤ **Council of Europe**

The delegations met colonel Hervé BOUGE – French gendarmerie liaison officer in the “legal affairs” Directorate - and Ms KILLERBY Margaret - head of the “Crime Problems Department”- who explained the role of the Council of Europe in police matters.

Following this visit, the French Gendarmerie will send a letter to Mr Guy de VEL - head of legal affairs directorate – in order to express the gratitude of the FIEP association and to stress its availability for advising on police matters , if needed.