



**CBSC WG
SECRETARIAT
Sofia, Bulgaria**

MINUTES OF THE 10th CBSC WG MEETING **27-28 May 2008**

The 10th meeting of the Working Group on "Defence/Military Support to WMD Counter Proliferation, Border Security and Counter Terrorism" (CBSC WG) was held in Sofia, 27-28 May 2008. The following annexes are attached to this document:

ANNEX A: Agenda of the 10th CBSC WG Meeting

ANNEX B: Approved proposal for revision of the 7 recommended steps for the future work of the CBSC WG

Opening Remarks

Mrs. Desislava KOSTADINOVA-IVANOVA, Chairperson of CBSC WG, welcomed the participants and Bosnia and Herzegovina as an observer of CBSC Project.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The proposed agenda was unanimously adopted.

2. Evaluation of the implementation of activities outlined in the minutes of the 9th CBSC WG Meeting and the 18th SEDM-CC Meeting

The Bulgarian POC for SEDM Major Lyubomir Petrov presented the updates and activities outlined in the minutes of the 9th CBSC WG Meeting and the following ones.

3. Update on the latest developments of SEDM Process, events and projects.

The SEDM-CC Secretariat representative Major Nexhat Limani gave the update on the latest developments of SEDM Process, events and projects and proposed evaluation of possibility for the establishment of a legal subgroup on expert level dealing with law modelling in accordance with the Second Step. The SEDM-CC Secretariat representative also proposed the possibility of restricting some of the information which will be included on the CBSC website with password provided by the CBSC Secretariat.

4. Discussions on the 7 Recommended Steps for the future of the CBSC Project.

Mrs. Ivanova presented proposals for the revision of the 7 Recommended Steps for the future development of the CBSC Project.

The Chief of the Bulgarian CBSC WG Secretariat, Mr. Boyan Boyanov presented a status report on the website of CBSC Project.

After the discussions Participating Nations approved the proposals that have been made and decided to put the relevant issues into the Agenda of the 19th SEDM-CC Meeting for approval and into the Agenda of the next CBSC WG Meeting.

5. National remarks, briefings and presentations on CBSC subject-related activities

Each participant nation and International organisation's representatives provided remarks on CBSC subject-related activities.

ALBANIA

- Presented national proposals regarding future development of CBSC Initiative;
- Made a proposal to reevaluate the Common Assessment Paper;

BULGARIA

Presented briefings on the following topics:

- SEESIM project and a field for cooperation between the SEESIM Exercise and CBSC WG Activities;
- Structure of State Agency of National Security (SANS) with relation to counter-terrorism issues;
- Functions of Ministry of Emergency Situations in case of terrorist acts with WMD;

CROATIA

- Briefly informed the CBSC Member States about "Adriatic Shield 2008" Exercise and stated its support for all Seven Steps future development of CBSC Initiative;

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹

- Briefly informed the CBSC Member States about the changes in the domestic laws related to terrorism. It also informed about already accomplished MoD meetings with national authorities for the future development of CBSC Project;
- It was proposed that the CBSC Member States should coordinate seminars and courses organized by the institutions which could provide expertise related to CBSC issues;

¹ Turkey recognizes Republic of Macedonia by its constitutional name.

ROMANIA

- Briefed the CBSC Member States about the Romanian's legislation on WMD counter proliferation, border security and counter terrorism, with emphasis on the Romanian's position for countering the CBRN weapons, focussing on the MoD's responsibilities;

6. Any other business

7. Approval of the minutes of the 10th CBSC WG Meeting

Nations approved the minutes of 10th CBSC Working Group Meeting.

8. Date of the next CBSC WG meeting

Nations approved next CBSC WG Meeting to be held within the period 17 – 21 November 2008 in Bulgaria.

9. Visit of the HEMUS International Defence Equipment Exhibition, Plovdiv.

The delegations visited HEMUS International Defence Equipment Exhibition in Plovdiv, where modern defence industry items have been introduced and demonstrated to them.

All Nations representatives expressed their appreciation to the CBSC Chairperson for the excellent organisation of this WG meeting and warm Bulgarian hospitality.

**CBSC WG
Chairperson
Mrs. Desislava Kostadinova-Ivanova**



THE 10th MEETING OF THE CBSC WG
SOFIA, 27 – 28 May 2008

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Evaluation of the implementation of activities outlined in the Minutes of the 9th CBSC WG Meeting
3. Update on the latest developments of SEDM Process, events and projects
4. Seven Recommended Steps Discussion and related presentations and discussions
5. National remarks on CBSC subject-related activities (5-10 min. each) and relevant presentations
6. Any other business
7. Approval of the Minutes of the 10th CBSC WG Meeting
8. Date of the next CBSC WG meeting
9. Visit to the International Defence Equipment Exhibition HEMUS, Plovdiv

Annex B

1. Develop "model laws" that can be used by SEDM national parliaments on counter-proliferation, border security and counter-terrorism issues

Update: Bulgaria has informed the CBSC member states about the current changes in Bulgarian CBSC related legislation during the 9th CBSC WG Meeting

Proposal: Countries both member states of EU and CBSC are welcomed to share their experience in the field of EU legislation relevant with CBSC issues

It was adopted that the discussions on this topic will continue during the next CBSC WG Meeting.

2. Create inventory of relevant CBSC subject-related laws from each SEDM country, while each SEDM nation should provide list of pending laws or legislative issues on CBSC issues, including export control laws and update it regularly as required

Update: The topic has been accomplished during the 8th CBSC WG Meeting

Proposal: CBSC member states to consider the following:

- To continue our work on that topic with sharing information on national legislation amendments, or

- To consider that step as carried out

It was adopted that the discussions on this topic will continue during the next CBSC WG Meeting.

3. Create a SEDM information sharing system that would include an exchange of information on key issues

Update: this issue is pending

Proposal: SEDM Nations to consider the opportunity of establishing such system within the framework of creating the SEDM process website.

This issue will be raised at the next SEDM-CC Meeting.

4. Create a CBSC website that would encourage private companies to post and share new border security technologies as well as funding sources for government programs, as well as define and distribute European standards for border security

Update: CBSC website is operational

Proposal: CBSC Member States are kindly asked to provide additional information related with CBSC issues

The proposal was adopted. The Bulgarian CBSC Chairmanship will provide a referred link of the CBSC website to the SEDM-CC and PMSC Secretariat website. Bulgaria will host the CBSC website until the end of its CBSC Chairmanship.

5. SEDM and SEDM nations should offer training for parliamentarians on specific issues related to the CBSC Working Group, as well as encourage SEDM seminars on relevant regional problems

6. Call for a new parliamentary initiative within the CBSC context to be called "The Dubrovnik Dialogue", which could become a forum for SEDM nation legislators, with emphasis on rationalization and conformity on WMD-related laws and regulations

Update: after 2005 such activities have not been carried out

Proposals:

- The Parliamentarians of SEDM countries to confirm their will for the activities in the field of the Dubrovnik Dialogue Initiative

- Bulgarian Chairmanship asked the CBSC representatives to confirm their will for the activities in the field of the Dubrovnik Dialogue Initiative.

- These two steps will be considered as one.

The Member States will evaluate the possibility for the establishment of a legal subgroup on expert level dealing with law modelling.

The proposals were adopted.

7. Establish list of national institutions involved in CBSC - related issues for each country and update it regularly as required.

Update: at the end of 2006 during the Croatian CBSC Chairmanship List of national institutions involved in CBSC-related issues for each country has been adopted.

Proposal: Bulgarian CBSC Chairmanship proposes that CBSC state members send an updated list of national institutions involved in CBSC-related issues, which will be distributed at the end of 2008.

The proposal was adopted.