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EU's Role in Multilateral Crisis Management

Final Action Conference

COST – European Cooperation in Science and Technology

in co-operation with the

Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management/NDA and the

Austrian Institute for International Affairs

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Austrian National Defence Academy

Vienna, Austria

Background Paper and

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Background Paper

In the framework of a European network of research institutes granted by the EU programme COST,¹ a project was launched for four years in order to conduct research on the overall topic of “New challenges of peacekeeping and the European Union’s Role in multilateral crisis management”. Given the growing importance of multilateral peacekeeping missions around the world, this project aims to encourage new research and an exchange on the topic by pooling knowledge and networking to pave the way to the elaboration of a vision on the EU role on peace operations. Inspired by the UN Capstone Doctrine, which sets out the guiding principles and core objectives of UN Peace Operations in the 21st century, exchanges were stimulated among researchers on how, why, when and with whom the European Union (EU) should envisage common peacekeeping and peace building missions.

After using the COST tools (seminars and conferences, training-schools, researcher exchanges) for conducting research in five areas (EU relations with other International Organizations; identification of evaluation criteria for comparative approach in the study of European missions; local dimension; exit strategy; gender), researchers were undertaking short term scientific missions (STSMs). These STSMs are exchange visits aimed at strengthening networks by allowing researchers to go to an institution in another country member of the Action to foster collaboration in the area of peace missions and crisis management.

As a conclusion of this project, a final action conference will be held at the Austrian National Defence Academy in Vienna (21 March 2013). During this conference, results and outcome of the various research phases will be presented. They will cover the development so far as well as findings and recommendations for the future EU’s role. Presenting the final publication will be an eminent part.

Additional to that, the conference partners (COST, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management/Austrian National Defence Academy, Austrian Institute for International Affairs) will organize two topical panels and a special lecture to give the conference an academic and political framework.

¹ COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) is a European instrument supporting cooperation among researchers across Europe (seminars, conferences, researchers exchange programme, organisation of Training-Schools)

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- 09:30-10:00 **Words of Welcome and Introduction**
- LtGen Erich Csitkovits, Commandant Austrian National Defence Academy
Caspar Einem, President Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Former
Austrian Minister of the Interior
Raquel Freire, University of Coimbra
- 10:00-10:30 **CSDP – A Critical Appraisal. The Road so Far (Part I)**
- Maria Grazia Galantino, Archivio Disarmo, Sapienza University of Rome
Raquel Freire, University of Coimbra
- 10:30-10:50 **Coffee Break**
- 10:50-12:30 **CSDP – A Critical Appraisal. The Road so Far (Part II)**
- Chair: BG Walter Feichtinger, Head, Institute for Peace Support and
 Conflict Management
- Panelists: Bastian Giegerich, German Federal Ministry of Defence
 Thierry Tardy, Geneva Centre for Security Policy
 MG Bernhard Bair, former Com EUFOR ALTHEA, Bosnia and
 Herzegovina
- 12:30-14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00-15:10 **Finding Common Denominators for a European Vision on CSDP:
Perspectives from Selected Member States**
- Remarks: Federico Santopinto, GRIP; Megan Price, Clingendael
Findings: Joanna Dobrowolska-Polak, Giovanni Faleg, Alessandro
 Marrone, Christian Wurzer
- 15:10-15:30 **Coffee Break**
- 15:30-17:00 **Future EU Peace Engagement – The Road Ahead**
- Chair: Werner Fasslabend, President Austrian Institute for European
 and Security Policy, Former Austrian Minister of Defence
- Panelists: MG Wolfgang Wosolsobe, Austrian Military Representation
 Brussels
 Michel Liégéois, University of Louvain
 Christopher Dandeker, King's College
 Michael Haltzel, Johns Hopkins University