



**INFORMAL MEETING OF EU DEFENCE POLICY DIRECTORS
4th – 5th JULY 2012, NICOSIA, CYPRUS,
ANNOTATED AGENDA**

Wednesday, 4th July 2012

18.00 – 20.00 **Working session I: Security Issues in the EU's Southern Neighbourhood**

Defence policy directors will be invited to discuss security developments in the EU's southern neighbourhood, including Libya (border assessment) and the Sahel (upcoming deployment of a civilian mission to Niger, possible ECOWAS deployment to Mali, options to help the reconstruction of the Malian military).

Thursday, 5 July 2012

09.00 – 10.45 **Working session II: Capabilities**

1. EU Battlegroups

Following up on earlier discussions among defence policy directors and the report on Battlegroups of May 2012, CMPD will present a possible way forward for developing a more systematic approach to filling the Battlegroup roster. Policy directors will be invited to provide guidance.

2. Pooling and Sharing: towards a structured, long term approach

With the participation of the NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defence Policy and Planning [tbc]

Defence policy directors will be invited to discuss the way ahead on Pooling & Sharing, in particular with a view to developing a more structured, long term approach. Issues to be addressed include: ensuring sustainable top-level buy-in; access to pooled and shared capabilities (sovereignty, interdependence); enablers, such as Save & Reinvest and Models for Cooperation; further priority areas for cooperative opportunities; links to the bilateral or regional levels; targeted reporting to Ministers. As part of this debate, the EDA will brief on its work to develop a strategy for P&S.

EDA will also present its work on wider European policies as they affect defence, including synergies in Research & Technology, SESAR, and industry issues.

10.45 – 11.00 The Commission will present the work of its Task Force on Defence Industry and Market.

**Welcome address by H.E. Mr Demetris Eliades, Minister of Defence
of the Republic of Cyprus**

11.00 – 11.15 Family Photo

11.15 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 **Working Session III: Operations**

With the participation of the NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defence Policy and Planning [tbc]

Defence policy directors will be invited to discuss the EU's Comprehensive Approach in the Horn of Africa and in the fight against piracy (Atalanta, EUTM Somalia & EUCAP Nestor, first experience with the Ops Centre). EUCAP Nestor is expected to be launched in the next few weeks. On EUTM, policy directors will assess progress, with a view to the question of possible mandate renewal in the second half of 2012.

13.00 – 14.00 Buffet – lunch at the International Conference Centre

14.00 Departure by bus for Hotel/ Airport

