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Subject:	Results of the meeting of the European Network for the Protection of Public Figures (ENPPF) held on 9 December 2011 in Brussels

The meeting of experts of the European Network for the Protection of Public Figures (ENPPF) was held within the framework of the LEWP on 9 December 2011 in Brussels.

The LEWP is invited to take note on the results of this meeting set out below.

1. Ensuring security during the Polish Presidency of the Council

A representative of the Polish Government Protection Bureau (GPB) presented the activities of GPB during the Polish Presidency of the Council in the second half of 2011. The presentation provided information about GPB's preparation phase and its tasks during the Presidency.

Additionally, the relevant legal acts were mentioned. The number of secured events, their locations and timeframe were also presented. The Presidency informed the meeting about domestic and external threats that were taken into account at the operational level.

2. Results of the conference of Association of Personal Protection Services (APPS) held on 12 – 14 October 2011 in Ottawa (Canada)

The DE delegation presented the results of a recent conference of the Association of Personal Protection Services (APPS), which was held from 12 to 14 October 2011 in Ottawa (Canada), attended by 74 delegates from 37 countries. The leading theme of the meeting was "Innovation in Protection". The participants discussed issues relating to the exchange of information and ideas on new trends in protection as well as training in the area of ensuring personal protection. Professional exhibitions were organised during the conference in order to present the characteristics and the application of the equipment used in the field of VIP protection. The DE delegation announced that the next APPS conference would be held in Brazil in spring 2013.

3. Discussion on the support for ENPPF in line with the proposal for planning and steering of the activities of expert groups and networks related to the LEWP

The following proposals in relation to the support for ENPPF were made:

- The General Secretariat of the Council would continue to circulate documents to ENPPF, in particular when its meetings take place on the Council premises, and to annually update the list of contact points of ENPPF.
- When the Presidency establishes the need for further support and Member States' expertise in setting the priorities for ENPPF or in drafting relevant documents, it could rely on the support of the other trio Presidencies and the Commission (as agreed under the Spanish Chairmanship of the ENPPF).

- If deemed necessary and in line with the proposals for planning and steering of the activities of networks relating to the LEWP (17559/11 ENFOPOL 417 + ADD 1), one (or more) Member States could propose to take a lead in the network to provide further support to the Presidency in organising meetings and other activities of ENPPF.

Following the exchange of views of delegations, the meeting agreed on the need for this kind of practical and non-bureaucratic support for ENPPF.

4. Discussion on the Handbook of Best Practices for the protection of public figures in Europe

The Chair gave an overview of comments provided by the DE, LT, NL, AT, PL and UK delegations relating to the proposal of the ES delegation to draft a handbook of best practices for the protection of public figures in Europe (DS 1738/11).

Following the discussion on those comments, the Chair concluded that due to the lack of agreement on the reciprocity rule and on the "de minimis" criteria for the performance of public figure protection services", these items could not be included in the Handbook.

Some delegations suggested that the Handbook should contain the best practices relating to the protective measures assured by the respective services towards VIPs coming from non-EU countries as well as practical guidelines on international cooperation between such services.

On this basis the Chair invited delegations to send concrete proposals on best practices to be included in the Handbook to the General Secretariat of the Council (at lewp@consilium.europa.eu).

5. The future of counter-surveillance services in Spain

The ES delegation presented the Spanish counter-surveillance unit operating in the field of VIP protection. The presentation gave an overview of the main threats defined in Spain and the role of the aforementioned unit. The position of counter-surveillance service in the police structure, its tasks and activities were presented.

6. Ensuring security during the Olympic Games 2012

The UK delegation informed the meeting about the security measures to be provided by the Metropolitan Police during the Olympic Games which will take place in summer 2012. General information about the venues, number of participants and guests visiting UK and main threats was presented. Delegations were informed that the UK defined rules and restrictions to be respected by foreign security services visiting the UK during the event and that the official briefing for foreign security advance teams was scheduled for May 2012.

7. Security operations in war zones

A representative of the Polish GPB presented the activities of this Bureau in protecting diplomatic representations of Poland in war zones. Main responsibilities and challenges of GPB's units performing protective actions were described. The Presidency noted the readiness of GPB to exchange information and share experience with its counterparts in this area.

8. Activities of the Croatian Security Service

The HR delegation introduced the Croatian Security Service as a future member of ENPPF. Information regarding its position in the Ministry of Interior, its organisational structure and main responsibilities was given. Delegations were informed about the basic regulations on issuing firearms permits for foreign security officers accompanying VIPs visiting the Republic of Croatia.

• Possible future activities of ENPPF

The Presidency noted the following suggestions that were made at the meeting as regards the possible items to be discussed by ENPPF in the future:

- cooperation with radio communications expert group (RCEG) on issues of relevance for both ENPPF and RCEG;
- exchange of operational information, including classified information, between the members of ENPPF.