



## **MINUTES FROM MEETING WORKING GROUP “THE FUTURE ECRAF” IN GERMANY MARCH 2009**

**Date:** 9. – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009

**Place:** German Armed Forces, Bundeswehr Logistic School, Garlstedt, Germany.

**Present:** Oddvar Haagensen, Norway, chairman, Martin Faulkner, United Kingdom, member, Georges Fuhrer, Switzerland, member, Robert Windischmann, Germany, member and Leif Agnar Ellevset, Norway, secretary.

**Excused:** Willfried Bernhardt, Austria, member.

### **1. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING**

*Summarized conclusions written for each point.*

#### **1.1 Strategy and Action Plan**

##### **1.1.2 The disaster and the challenge**

The final report will have an introduction about the disaster and the challenge. As a consequence of the worldwide road accident development, we also will like to include some global accident figures from WHO and the World Bank.

The wg also want to present some accident figures describing the size of the problem in the European Armed Forces. See point 1.2.

##### **1.1.3 Visions**

As written in the presented draft.

##### **1.1.2 Values**

As written in the presented draft.

##### **1.1.3 Premises**

The report is built on the premises of Health, environment and safety, integrated road safety, young soldiers and employees most vulnerable target groups, based

on facts, professional competence and prevention before repair.

## **1.2 New questionnaire to be sent out**

The wg find it necessary to ask for the number of killed and injured in the national armed forces - on and off duty - with military or leased vehicles. It will also be asked for an estimate for the repairing costs in EURO for the same type of vehicles. The questionnaire will be sent out to the member countries as soon as possible through the ECRAF secretary in Switzerland.

## **1.3 Mission**

As earlier written.

## **1.4 Strategies**

The strategies are mainly the result of a survey based on the questionnaire sent to all ECRAF member countries. The four main strategies for ECRAF are proposed to be: 1. Road safety competence centre, 2. Coherent communication strategy, 3. Harmonize activities across the armed forces and 4. Build alliances and network.

## **1.5 Activities**

A preliminary discussion took place and will be finished at the next meeting.

## **1.6 Draft new statutes**

The wg has gone through and discussed the existing statutes which are likely to be a description of terms of reference. The group has therefore started to work out a draft that will be finished at the next wg meeting. The wg propose also to change the name to the European Commission for Road Safety in Armed Forces.

## **1.7 Important consequences of the wg report and proposals**

Since the wg report contents proposals that will have consequences for the existing organization, the wg also at the next meeting will make proposals for how the report and the proposals should be discussed at the annual meeting / congress in Finland.

## **1.8 Information about PRI**

Joop Goos, president of La Prevention Routiere Internationale (PRI), attended the last part of the meeting. He informed the wg about PRI's status and concluded that PRI was interested in a renewed collaboration with ECRAF. If requested by ECRAF, he was positive to come and participate at the coming congress in Finland.

## **1.9 Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at NATO Defence College in Rome 18 – 20<sup>th</sup> May. The wg chairman will in short time come back with practical information. The chairman will also invite ECRAF President to the meeting.