



## **MINUTES FROM MEETING WORKING GROUP “THE FUTURE ECRAF” IN ITALY MAY 2009**

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009

**Place:** NATO Defence College, Rome, Italy.

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

President Holger Voss and secretary Stefanie Stettler participated after invitation from the working group.

### **1. Welcome by chairman Oddvar Haagenen**

The chairman welcomed all to Rome and hoped that the two meeting days would be fruitful and give the expected conclusions. He expressed a special welcome to ECRAF president Holger Voss and secretary Stefanie Stettler. He said that their presence will be of special importance when the course of proceedings for presentation, discussion and decision at the Annual Meeting in Finland will be discussed at the end of the meeting.

### **2. Minutes from the last meeting in Bremen March 2009**

No comments received upon the mailed draft minutes from the working group meeting in Bremen March 2009. The draft minutes approved as the minutes from the working group meeting in Bremen.

### **3. The new document structure**

The chairman explained why the result of the working group has been divided into two main documents:

- Report working group
- Strategy and Action Plan.

The working group agreed upon the new document structure.

The report working group will have the following annexes:

1. The Strategy and Action Plan
2. Draft new statutes
3. Complete answers of the questionnaires

#### **4. WG-report / Draft new statutes**

The main conclusions from the wg is the following:

- 1) ECRAF needs to be a more formal and acting organization. A stronger political ECRAF will in the continuation demand an another type of administration than the existing economical resources allows us to run.
- 2) ECRAF has since it was re-established in 2002 used the term committee which was correct at this stage. However, the development of the organization the latest years and the future plan, make it necessary to change from the term committee to commission. This will make no change of the existing letters used in the actual ECRAF abbreviation.
- 3) The existing statutes of ECRAF, which are likely to be described more as a Terms of reference, need to be changed. The wg has therefore worked out a proposal for new statutes. In order to give the members more influence on the development of the organization, it is proposed to extend the Presidency to an Executive Committee with four members.
- 4) In order to give the future ECRAF a better structure and greater influence in the working areas, the wg presents a complete and detailed draft for Strategy Plan 2009 – 2012 and a Action Plan 2009 – 2010.

In order to separate the organizational and political sides of the organization, the Administrative Secretary (former term secretary) is proposed appointed by the Executive Committee. The Administrative Secretary is taking care of the administrative functions and the appointment is prepared by the President.

#### **5. Strategy and Action Plan**

The wg has with background in the member countries answers, worked out a Strategy Plan for the period 2009 – 2012 and a corresponding Action Plan for the period 2009 – 2010.

The final draft will include some adjustments and corrections due to the discussions during the wg meeting.

#### **6. Course of proceedings for presentation, discussion and decision at the Annual Meeting in Finland**

The wg presented its proposals which will be dealt with by the President as a part of the preparation of the Annual Meeting in Finland.

The wg documents will be presented by the chairman of the wg the first day and the discussion and decision will take place the third and last day at the Annual Meeting.

## **7. The European Union Road Safety Policy**

The wg secretary has been in contact with Noël Valmain, Head of the “Road Safety” Unit, Directorate General Energy & Transport, European Commission. Mr. Valmain could not attend the meeting in Rome, but he will together with president Joop Goos, be invited by the ECRAF president, to give a presentation at the congress in Finland.

Mr. Valmain had sent a presentation about the European Union policy regarding Road Safety and this was presented and commented by the wg secretary.

## **8. Further contributions from the wg**

If ECRAF find it necessary, the wg also are willing to assist in the coming and following up process.

## **9. Closing words**

The chairman Oddvar Haagenen thanked the wg members for good and cooperative work and hope that the report and documents would lead to a stronger and more powerful ECRAF. He expressed a special thanks to the president and secretary and hope that the presence in Rome has resulted in a good understanding of the presented result and proposals.

President Holger Voss said the working group has delivered a very good product based on professional work. This result for ECRAF could not have been attained without the working group.

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