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## **REPORT**

### **WORKING GROUP 2**

#### **“MILITARY BASES AND FACILITIES CONVERSION”**

**06-07 December 2005**

#### ***I. INTRODUCTION***

According to the MAG Decision on Defence Conversion adopted at the 13<sup>th</sup> MAG Meeting on 18-19 October 2005, a first meeting of WG2 “Military Bases and Facilities Conversion” was held on 6-7 Dec 2005 in RACVIAC

The main topics of the meeting were as follows:

- ❑ To receive countries reports on the current situation and needs for successful Military Bases Conversion;
- ❑ To discuss the RACVIAC report on the answers received from SEE countries to the Questionnaire on Defence Conversion Progress and Needs;
- ❑ To discuss the final proposals to Programme for RACVIAC’s Defence Conversion activities in 2006

#### ***II. PARTICIPANTS***

25 participants from the region and international organizations took an active role during the discussions on the above-mentioned topics.

- **CHAIRMAN:** Col Yonko Stefanov **Totevski**, State expert, MOD, Bulgaria
- **EXPERT:** Mr Efrem **Radev**, Bulgaria

- **REGIONAL COUNTRIES REPRESENTATIVES:**
  - **Albania:** Mr Agim **Kopani** (MOD)
  - **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** PhD Senad **Oprašić** (MOD); Cpt Goran **Zeljko** (MOD)
  - **Bulgaria:** Mrs Gergana Milcheva **Peychevska** (MOD)
  - **Croatia:** Mrs Vesna **Mileta-Hrvojić** (MOD); Mrs Snježana **Kovač** (Ministry of Environmental Protection, Physical Planning and Construction)
  - **Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**<sup>1</sup>: Mr Goce **Aleksovski** (MOD); Mr Jovan **Biskovski** (MOD); Mr Vlado **Stojanov** (Ministry of Economy); Mr Toni **Dimovski** (Ministry of Finance)
  - **Moldova:** Maj Victor **Ceban** (MOD)
  - **Romania:** Col Octavian **Duta** (MOD), Cpt Ion-Valentin **Ghita** (MOD),
  - **Serbia and Montenegro:** Col Miro **Gobović** (MOD); Lt.Colonel Nenad **Nadjevic** (MOD), LtC Siniša **Kovač** (MOD)
- **OTHER MAG COUNTRIES:**
  - **Austria:** Mr Wolfgang **'De Bellis** (MOD)
  - **Hungary:** LtC Janos **Sebok** (MOD), Col Laszlo **Pati-Nagy** (MOD)
- **INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**
  - **BICC:** Dr. Reinhard **Weise** BICC/BBG Germany
  - **OSCE:** Mr Samir **Basic** (OSCE in BiH)
  - **NATO:** Ms. Lejla **Mulic** (NATO Bosnia and Herzegovina)
  - **RACVIAC:** Cap Aldin **Zametica**

### *III. SUMMARY*

#### *1. Countries reports on the current situation and needs for successful Military Bases Conversion;*

##### Common issues:

- The necessity of adequate and timely Military Bases conversion (MBC);
- The connection between MBC and the needs of the released military personnel;
- The types of redundant Military Bases (MB):
  - Attractive MB for transformation to other State Agencies, Ministries, Municipalities e.t.c.
  - Attractive MB for selling
  - Non- attractive MB in remote and non- developed areas

**The third type of MB requires special attention and development of**

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<sup>1</sup> “Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name”

## **MBC Projects**

- The need of International assistance and regional Cooperation;
- Readiness to work together and cooperate.

### **Differences:**

- The National Legislation Basis;
- The ownership of the MB;
- The lack of National Programme for MBC or different stages of it's preparation and adaptation by the countries Governments and Parliaments

## ***2. Discussion on the RACVIAC report on the answers received from SEE countries to the Questionnaire on Defence Conversion Progress and Needs***

### **SUMMARY:**

- Common understanding of the need to update the information and to present the real picture of the situation with MB;
- Still not enough information and cooperation by the other National Ministries or Agencies, involved in the process of MBC;
- Not determined national needs for assistance

## ***3. The final proposals to the Programme for RACVIAC's Defence Conversion activities in 2006- WG2 (see Annex 4.)***

### ***SUMMARY / RECOMMENDATIONS***

- To involve International Financial Institutions and Donors,
- To identify and developed MBC Projects ASAP, first on National, then on Bilateral/Regional or Trans- border Level,
- To continue using the assistance of experts on MB

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