

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

June 16, 2009

Riga, Latvia

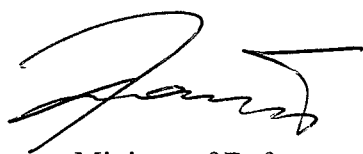
The Minister of Defence of the Republic of Estonia, the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, the Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania, as the Ministerial Committee (MC),

Having met in Riga, Latvia on June 16, 2009,

1. Agreed that all Baltic states will pursue ARS (Air Control Centre, Recognized Air Picture Production Centre, Sensor Fusion Post) entity co-funded by NATO, one to each of their territories, if they so wish, and underlined their support to each other in that process in NATO.
2. Agreed that the Baltic Air Surveillance Network and Control System will in the context as ACCS be continued according to the currently existing cooperation principles in support of the NATO air policing mission.
3. Noted that the Course Director of Baltic Defence College (BALTDEFCOL) Joint Command and General Staff Course and Army Intermediate Command and Staff Course (JCGSC/AICSC) holds also the position of Deputy Commandant until new Development Plan is approved and will come into force.
4. Acknowledged the candidacy of Col Kristian Ekroll as appropriate for the position of Course Director JCGSC/AICSC.
5. Tasked the Baltic Management Group (BMG) to work out the new BALTDEFCOL policy paper, taking into account recommendations derived from the 10th anniversary review-process, by 1 September, 2009.
6. Tasked the BALTDEFCOL Commandant to detail the new draft development plan after the approval of the new policy paper, with the aim of submitting the new development plan for the approval of Ministerial Committee by the end of 2009.
7. Took note of the Contract between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia and International Centre for Defence Studies regarding the management of the analysis process for air policing solutions for the period after 2018, signed on 14 May, 2009.
8. Tasked the Baltic Military Committee (MilC) to examine the option according to which the headquarters of Baltic Naval Squadron (BALTRON) could be assembled only along with assigned national units, on case by case bases and in accordance with MilC decision.

9. Tasked the MilC to examine ways to reduce operational costs associated with BALTRON activities by reviewing the BALTRON annual plan of activities.
10. Tasked MilC to review and if necessary revise the number of personnel assigned to the BALTNET CRC Karmelava.

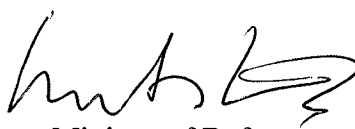
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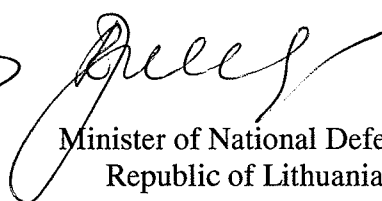
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Enclosure:

Contract between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia and International Centre for Defence Studies regarding the management of the analysis process for air policing solutions for the period after 2018.