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Subject:	Results of the meeting of the European Network for the Protection of Public Figures (ENPPF) held on 4 December 2012 in Brussels

The meeting of experts of the European Network for the Protection of Public Figures (ENPPF) under the Danish Chairmanship was held within the framework of the LEWP on 4 December 2012 in Brussels.

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

1. Handbook of good practices for the protection of public figures

The HU delegation reminded the delegations the following most important steps taken in the preparation of the above-mentioned Handbook:

- At the meeting of the ENPPF convened by the French chair of the Network in May 2009, the Spanish representatives stated their intention of presenting the initiative during the Spanish Presidency.
- On 17 June 2010 a meeting of the ENPPF (as a formation of the then called Police Cooperation Working Party) was convened in Brussels by Sweden as the chair of the Network. The Spanish representatives proposed to establish working subgroups to draw up a catalogue of good protection practices in Europe.
- As a result a document on Good practices for the protection of public figures was issued, which was later examined by the delegations during the meetings of 24 June 2011 under the Belgian chair, of 6 December 2011 under the Polish chair and of 3 May 2012 under the Hungarian chair of the ENPPF.
- During the Hungarian Chairmanship an agreement was reached on merging the restricted Handbook 2005 (containing the national factsheets) and the Handbook of good practices of protection of public figures and a silence procedure was launched on the Handbook. However, it was broken and further comments on the document were received.

The speaker noted that the handbook would be useful for personal protection services in many ways, including for organisation of joint trainings, using the Glossary of Terms annexed to the Handbook as well as the checklist for visiting and receiving party. Also, it would be an educational measure for new members of personal protection services.

During the meeting on 4 December 2012 the delegations further discussed the draft Handbook of good practices for the protection of public figures, as set out in doc. 16670/12 ENFOPOL 384+ADD1. One delegation asked to classify the whole handbook. The Handbook was finalised taking into account the comments provided by the delegations and will be submitted to ENPPF for endorsement by a silence procedure.

2. The knife attack on the Finnish Prime Minister

The FI delegation presented a case study where a person tried to attack the Finnish Prime Minister with a knife in Turku on 22 October 2012.

3. Planning the security operation at the London Olympics 2012

The UK delegation gave a presentation on its experience with ensuring security measures on different levels during the Olympic Games in London 2012.

4. Increasing difficulties for the protection units to bring firearms on flights both within and outside the EU

The Presidency raised an issue of increasing difficulties for protection units to bring firearms on commercial flights. Some delegations noted that this mostly depended on airline regulations and pilots' decisions. It was agreed to further explore this issue during the CY Presidency of the ENPPF and the delegates were invited to present the existing arrangements with their national airlines.

5. Assignment of the G-10, the Danish special protection unit for personal protection in hostile environment

The DK delegation gave a presentation regarding personal protection in high risk areas, outlining the structure of the special unit G-10, the training received and its cooperation with other units. The importance of learning by experience was emphasised.

6. The preparation for organising the next meeting of Association of Personal Protection Services

The DE delegation explained that the next meeting of the above-mentioned association will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 6-9 May 2013. Invitations to the meeting will soon be sent out to the members.

7. Aligning ENPPF chairmanship with Council Presidency

The LT delegation proposed that the ENPPF chairmanship was aligned with the Council Presidency in order to facilitate the organisation of the meetings. The delegates welcomed this proposal and it was agreed to align the ENPPF chairmanship with the Council Presidency as from the second half of 2013.

8. Setting up the Parliamentary Guard of Hungary, the third personal protection service as of 1st January 2013

The HU delegation informed the meeting that a new personal protection service, the Parliamentary Guard, would soon be set up soon and presented its goals and functions. The speaker explained that the new service would be tasked with ensuring a proper, effective and independent functioning of the Parliament and providing personal and facilities protection. It will have to meet the primary fire-fighting and emergency needs and follow a formal protocol during parades.

9. Any other business

Delegations supported the DE proposal that in the future the ENPPF meetings should be held as two half-day meetings instead of a whole day meeting and CY chairmanship was invited to implement this.
