



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Brussels, 13 June 2013**

**10822/13**

**ENFOPOL 182**

**NOTE**

---

From: Cypriot delegation

---

To: Law Enforcement Working Party

---

No. prev. doc.: 17781/12 ENFOPOL 420

---

Subject: Results of the meeting of the European Network for the Protection of Public Figures (ENPPF) held on 3 June 2013 in Brussels

---

The meeting of experts of the European Network for the Protection of Public Figures (ENPPF) under the Cyprus Chairmanship was held within the framework of the LEWP on 3 June 2013 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 Chair recalled the previous discussion on the above-mentioned Handbook and explained that comments had been received after the last ENPPF meeting. The group agreed to include these comments, set out in document DS 1451/13, in the Handbook and to classify it as RESTREINT UE/RESTRICTED EU. With these modifications, the Handbook would be submitted to the LEWP for endorsement<sup>1</sup>.

Delegations were urged to send the information for their national fact sheet to the Council Secretariat.

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

Following up on the discussion started at the last meeting, delegations exchanged views and current practices on whether and how their protection units can bring firearms on commercial flights. Reference was made to a number of national arrangements or formal agreements that existed between the relevant ministry and the national airlines. However, it was noted that very often it comes down to the pilot's decisions.

It was agreed that it would be valuable to take work forward in this field as Member States could benefit from each other's experience, practices and possibly even formal arrangements. Also, some kind of common guidelines would be helpful since the protection units also have to use airlines with which no arrangements have (yet) been made. It was suggested to contact the working group dealing with the implementation of the *Commission Regulation (EU) No 185/2010 of 4 March 2010 laying down detailed measures for the implementation of the common basic standards on aviation security*, as they prepare air carrier security plans that are harmonised at international level.

---

<sup>1</sup> See document doc. 10478/13 ENFOPOL 173 RESTREINT UE

### **3. Security measures in Cyprus during its EU Presidency**

The CY delegation presented the measures it had put in place during its Presidency aiming to secure the venues and delegations with the least possible disturbance to the normal life of the public. The delegate specified the measures taken as regards public order, traffic arrangements, venues security and escorts of delegations.

The CY delegation also explained in detail the intelligence gathering and threat assessment mechanisms that it were set up for the organisation of the Presidency in Cyprus. They were based on close cooperation of different services and included vulnerability assessments of relevant venues.

### **4. Polish Lone Wolf's plot**

The PL delegation provided a detailed presentation of the foiled attack on the Polish Parliament building in 2012, explaining the threat assessment by the relevant Polish departments in uncovering the plot.

The chair concluded that further discussions and exchange of experiences is needed in order to improve and identify the possible gaps of existing mechanisms.

### **5. European Network of Public Figure Threat Assessment Agencies (ENPFTAA)**

The DE delegation explained that the network gathers professionals from different backgrounds (police officers, psychologists, psychiatrists, nurses, analysts) and aims to share knowledge and expertise, determine a common vocabulary and discuss ways in which risks can be assessed and managed.

The delegate reported on the results of the latest ENPFTAA conference held in Berlin on 27-29 May 2013, focusing on "anonymous threats on the Internet". The DE representative stressed the need for reliable risk analyses as they influence the risk profiles and subsequently the protection measures that are chosen. Patterns to detect, classify and assess suspicious behaviour on the Internet have to be further developed as in the future the majority of threat messages to public figures will be communicated via Internet.

## **6. Any other business**

The HU delegation invited delegations to inform them of any national service that was similar to its newly established Parliamentary Guard, with a view to fostering contacts and participating in a festive event on 15 March 2014 at the occasion of the national holiday and the opening of the new visitors' centre of the Hungarian Parliament.

The LT delegation informed the group that the next meeting would take place on 11 October 2013 and that it would take work forward notably on the items discussed at the current meeting of bringing firearms on flights as well as of risk management and threat assessments as regards threats over the Internet.

---