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Subject:	Results of the meeting of the European Network for the Protection of Public Figures (ENPPF) held on 25 June 2015 in Brussels

The meeting of experts of the European Network for the Protection of Public Figures (ENPPF) under the Latvian Chairmanship was held within the framework of the Law Enforcement Working Party (LEWP) on 25 June 2015 in Brussels.

The LEWP is invited to:

- *take note of the results of the meeting set out below;*
- *approve the ENPPF work programme for 2016 as agreed by the ENPPF at the aforementioned meeting and as set out in 9742/15.*

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in [CM 2952/15](#).

2. Discussion on the future of the ENPPF and the ENPPF work programme

[9742/15 ENFOPOL 141](#)

The meeting agreed to the ENPPF work programme for 2016 as set out in [9742/15](#), to be submitted to the LEWP for approval.

During the presentation of the work programme by the Chair, the actions to be implemented were described in detail, such as the general coordination and cooperation with other entities and networks, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), mixed protection teams and common training as well as information exchange within the network. The Member States which had indicated their willingness to contribute to the implementation of those actions were also listed. The DE delegation provided further information in relation to UAVs and about a questionnaire to be distributed shortly. Delegations were invited to provide their replies to this questionnaire, the results of which should be available in autumn 2015.

3. Outcome of the questionnaire on the professional evaluation of the adequacy (suitability) of the bodyguards in the service

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The meeting took note of the outcome of the questionnaire on the professional evaluation of the adequacy (suitability) of the bodyguards in the service, as presented by the Chair ([9762/15](#)).

The questionnaire was aimed at collecting information on the procedure used in Member States to evaluate bodyguards' professional suitability. 18 Member States provided replies to the questionnaire. In half of those Member States such evaluation takes place annually. All respondents replied that physical and shooting skills are evaluated, while in many Member States tactical and close combat skills are also assessed. It was noted that the period of evaluation varies a lot: from 1-2 days to one month. In most Member States the exercises of the evaluation are also included in the regular training process. In a large majority of Member States the results of the evaluation are analysed and compared to previous results. In more than half of the Member States the results of the evaluation are accessible not only to the bodyguard concerned but to other bodyguards as well, which contributes to motivating them. In case of a negative evaluation the bodyguard may repeat the evaluation in most Member States, while in three cases the bodyguard concerned is suspended until the test is passed.

4. Security Police of Latvia and security measures during the Presidency of the Council

The delegation took note of the presentation by the Chair of the structure of the Security Police of Latvia and the tasks and functions of the Dignitary Protection Department. The organisation of security measures during Presidency-related events held in Latvia were also presented in detail, in particular those applied during the highest level events and informal ministerial meetings.

5. Recruitment and training of bodyguards in the Security Police of Latvia

The meeting took note of the presentation by the Latvian experts of the procedure of recruitment and training of bodyguards in the Security Police of Latvia. In particular the requirements for the candidates and the methods of the evaluation of their physical and psychological suitability were presented. The annual evaluation of bodyguards and their training was also described.

6. Information about the incoming Luxembourg Presidency of the ENPPF (July-December 2015)

The meeting took note of the information by the LU delegation that it would focus on the implementation of the ENPPF work programme and coordination within the network during the incoming LU Presidency.

7. A.O.B.

No points were raised under AOB.
