

Chief Executive

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Brussels, 30 January 2013

Dear Colonel Suzik,

LIAISON BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY AND THE COOPERATIVE CYBER DEFENCE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

In order to develop capabilities to detect, respond and recover from sophisticated cyber threats, cooperation between different actors in cyber defence is of key importance. The European Defence Agency (EDA) supports the development of cyber defence capabilities within the framework of the European Union's Common Security and Defence Policy.

Acknowledging the important contribution of the Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCD COE) to enhancing the capabilities, cooperation and information sharing among its Sponsoring Nations, NATO, and partners in cyber defence, I propose to establish effective liaison between EDA and CCD COE.

I propose that the following principles be agreed as the basis of our liaison:

- a) The objective of the liaison between EDA and CCD COE is to allow for the exchange of unclassified information on future plans and outcomes of relevant activities, such as studies and workshops, and to identify potential new activities that would support Member States in developing their cyber defence capabilities.
- b) Areas of particular interest for the liaison include:
 - i. Cyber defence policy
 - ii. Strategy & doctrine
 - iii. International law
 - iv. Technical and tactical environment
 - v. Education, training, and exercises
 - vi. Research & Technology
 - vii. Security watch.

- c) The handling and release of information and documents will be undertaken in accordance with respective rules and regulations of EDA and CCD COE. Any intellectual or industrial property rights, including any documentation, data, technical information provided will remain vested to their respective owners.
- d) EDA and CCD COE will nominate Points of Contact to facilitate dialogue and identification of potential areas for the exchange of information and mutually beneficial activities, such as workshops, seminars, training opportunities and exercises.
- e) Based on the liaison, both entities will inform their respective governing bodies (EDA Steering Board and CCD COE Steering Committee) about future opportunities to develop further cooperation.

I am convinced that through our liaison EDA and CCD COE can bring significant added value to Member States through improved exchange of information, avoidance of duplication of efforts, and by suggesting useful activities.

If the above principles for liaison are acceptable to you, I propose that this letter together with your affirmative reply will document our common understanding.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Madame Arnould,

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your letter from 30 January 2013 and to confirm the acceptance of establishing a liaison between the staffs of the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (NATO CCD COE) and the European Defence Agency (EDA).

Yours sincerely

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