

Working Group VIII

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## **WORKING GROUP VIII « DEFENCE »**

**Subject :**    **Comments by Mr Oğuz Demiralp on the preliminary draft final report of  
Working Group VIII "Defence" (WD 022)**

Members of Working Group VIII will find attached comments by Mr Oğuz Demiralp, alternate member of the Convention, on the preliminary draft final report.

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***PERMANENT DELEGATION OF TURKEY  
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION***

**Ambassador**

No: 1779

29 November 2002

Dear Mr. Barnier,

I have carefully read the preliminary draft report of the Working Group on Defence which was in fact initially discussed at the Working Group's meeting on 25 November.

First of all, taking into consideration all the discussions that took place at the Group, I should underline that the views I have expressed in my two contributions to the Group, including the issue of common/collective defence, are still valid. I should also reiterate my sincere belief that European security is indivisible and that any arrangement in this framework should also involve non-EU European NATO members.

In this context, my concrete proposals on the draft are as follows:

- In para. 14 and 18 as well as in the list of contributions, the term "FYROM" is used. However, Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name. Therefore I would appreciate if you could add a footnote to each of the related pages stating "Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name".

- At the end of para. 20, the text is as follows: "... which would guarantee access to these capabilities for the European Union." I believe that in this context the word "guarantee" could be changed to "provide", as the wording as it stands gives the impression that there will be guaranteed access to all NATO capabilities. However, as you know, if an agreement is reached, guaranteed access is only envisaged for NATO planning capabilities.

- I think factually at the end of para. 25 of the draft, instead of saying "... while others became members at ...", we should say "... while others were invited to become members at ..."

Mr. Michel Barnier  
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- In the same paragraph “Cyprus” is also mentioned as a candidate country. I am sure that you are informed in detail on the developments regarding the Cyprus issue. As a comprehensive settlement has not been reached in the Island yet, I believe that it would be appropriate if you could add a footnote stating that “Turkey preserves its position on this issue”.

- Furthermore, in para. 26 concerning differences at defence industry level, I believe a short reference to WEAG/WEAO is also necessary.

Please accept, Mr. Chairman/Commissioner, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Ambassador  
Permanent Delegate

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