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NOTE

from : Secretariat
to : Working Group VIII on Defence
Subject : Summary record of the meeting on 13 September 2002

1. The Chairman outlined the Group's mandate, referring to CONV 264/02 and emphasising the need for the Union to equip itself with institutional structures and suitable military instruments and capabilities in order to enhance the credibility and effectiveness of its external action and to meet citizens' expectations.

2. He then proposed the following meeting schedule and work programme, which the Group approved:

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| – | 23 September | 15.00-18.00 | General exchange of views (with the participation of HR Javier Solana)
European defence effort: military capabilities required to achieve objectives |
| – | 4 October | 13.00-16.30 | Arms |
| – | 14 October | 15.00-18.00 | Planning
Decision procedures in the execution of an operation |
| – | 29 October | 14.00-18.00 | Diversity of situations and capabilities within the European Union
General exchange of views (with the participation of Lord Robertson) |

- 4 November 15.00-18.00 Scope of defence policy and discussion on the Petersberg tasks
Drafting of report
- 14 November 9.00-13.00 Joint meeting with the Working Group on External Action
General exchange of views on crisis management
- 25 November 9.00-13.00 Adoption of report

3. In relation to working methods, the Chairman announced the plan to organise hearings with specialist experts in all the fields to be dealt with by the Group with a view to their expertise sustaining its discussions.

The schedule for hearings is currently being drawn up and will be communicated to the Group as soon as possible. Furthermore, a seminar will be organised with the assistance of the European Union Institute for Security Studies, to which political representatives, researchers and academics will be invited.

In the coming days, the Secretariat will send all the members of the Group a file with a preliminary selection of basic documents. Before each meeting, members will receive a paper by way of preparation for discussion of the topics on the agenda.

The Group agreed that the meetings will be held in restricted session.

4. Each Group member may be accompanied by one colleague who will sit in on the meetings. That colleague's name and contact details (e-mail, telephone, fax) should be sent to Ms Marian Fouhy (*marian.fouhy@consilium.eu.int*, Tel.: 02/285.50.72, Fax: 02/285.50.73), Convention Secretariat, by 18 September. This will ensure access for them to the meeting venues.
5. An attendance list of this meeting is annexed hereto.

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