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AGENDA

from:	Secretariat
for:	Working Group on Defence
Subject:	Agenda for the meeting on 4 November 2002

The agenda for the above meeting is as follows:

I. Apart from the Petersberg tasks, what defence remit could be envisaged for the Union?
(continuation of the discussion).

II. Variety of situations and capabilities within the European Union

- **Hearing of Mr Alain Richard, former French Minister of Defence**
- **Exchange of views, particularly on the following questions:**
 - Given the differences between Member States, how might it be possible to envisage greater flexibility in decision-making and the organisation of joint actions by the Europeans in the field of defence?
 - Would it be useful to resort to a mechanism for closer cooperation on a voluntary basis (with the possibility of opting in) which brought together Member States that wished to invest greater efforts in the defence field at European level?
 - If the answer to the preceding question is in the affirmative, what would be the rules for inclusion in such cooperation? What conditions would the Member States have to fulfil to make such a commitment credible?

III. Other business

The meeting will be held from 15.00 to 18.00 in Room S4 of the Charlemagne Building.

Each member of the Group is entitled to be accompanied by an assistant to follow proceedings, who must be appointed in advance. Members who have not yet confirmed the name and e-mail address of the assistant who will accompany them to meetings are kindly requested to do so to Ms Marian Fouhy (marian.fouhy@consilium.eu.int).
