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Colonel	Stephen	Cochrane	Seminar Chairman
Major	Ian	Webster	MilComp Chairman
Lieutenant-Colonel	Ann	Knabe	PA Chairman
Commander	Richard	Roll	DefSec Chairman

Guest

Brigadier-General	Teddington	Ngapayi	South Africa
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¹ Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name

presented, noting that Canada had invested excess cash gathered over the two-year Presidency from accounts receivable and operations conducted at a modest profit of approximately 5500E. All funds will be turned over to the incoming Netherlands' Presidency at the end of this Congress;

- c. The A/SG (Finance) noted that Canada had achieved the target of having assets equal to one year's operating income from dues that had been set as a target at the beginning of the Presidency;
- d. The Council briefly discussed the report, with congratulations as well as concerns being raised. The specific concern related to IBM over-spending, with respect to which the A/SG (Finance) addressed noted that it was difficult to make arrangements for IBMs without timely commitments from those scheduled to attend. Cancellations and late additions create extra costs and wastage. He went on to point out that CIOR is subsidizing programs such as the PFP Workshop and YROW Seminar to encourage participation. Council must make a choice in the cases of these events if the program deliverable is achieving the aim that Council intended. Finally, with respect to the Budget and Programmed spending, he noted that savings had been achieved through the Committees not expending their allocation, noting that while CLA appeared to not be using its allocation, we were expecting some expenditures still, as the CLA 08 starts the week of 14 Jul;
- e. It was also confirmed that unspent funds are being carried forward for the 60th Anniversary Monument to allow this project to proceed as planned in FY 2009.

- 3 - CIOR at a Glance
 - a. The Secretary General introduced the pamphlet "CIOR at a Glance" - the information formerly known as the Merrilee's documents. The production history of this document was explained, as was the associated costs. As an aside, it was noted that the Congress Briefing Book, the "CIOR at a Glance," and the Winter Seminar 08 CD production had cost a total of ~2700 YTL which had not been reported in the Budget Briefing;

- b. "CIOR at a Glance" was produced in single language versions, English and French, and intended to be used by the representative Reserve Associations to promote CIOR. The 1200 pamphlets that were produced in Istanbul were intended to be distributed here and the RAs were encouraged to get the pamphlet out to their delegates. Finally, Council was told that the pamphlet master files would be placed on the CIOR website and available for download by all the RAs for their own use.

President's Opening
Remarks:

Capt (N) McNary thanked everyone for their participation and their continuing contribution to advancing the aims of CIOR. However, he cautioned the Council about the on again/off again pattern of national participation in CIOR events. This has serious negative consequences on the ability to plan, and creates negative impressions among outside observers.

The President continued with an observation that National decisions are being taken unilaterally changing delegates that had been confirmed by Council in a CIOR Committee position after Council ratification. An example was the removal/replacement of the Secretary for the PFP Committee. CIOR is having difficulty getting staff for the Committees; there were several notable resignations this Summer Congress. It is very problematic for the CIOR to have National Delegations arbitrarily reassign personnel, especially in the cases where they had been awarded their position in competition.

Secretarial Note:

The President introduced an unscheduled agenda item: Brief from NATO IMS CIOR/NRFC LO (LCol Luc Ceuterick, Plans and Policy Division, NATO HQ). LCol Ceuterick provided a brief on "the Peacetime Establishment Review of the NATO Command Structure."

4 - Committee Staff
Update

- a. The President provided a review of the Committee Staff appointment process from the Winter Meeting in Brussels, Feb 08. With respect to the PFP Committee, the President assured France that their nomination was accepted as ratified by Council. He assured Denmark that

their nomination stands. He told Slovenia that their nomination would be forward to the Committee Chair for consideration by the Committee Chair;

- b. There are several vacancies that necessitate an emergency call for nominations. The President requested that nominations be delivered to the Secretary General no later than 1200h (local time) on Friday, 11 Jul 08 for consideration by Council;
- c. The President asked VP UK to clarify Maj Maclean's and Capt Koss' status with respect to the CLA. VP UK asked for time to clarify some domestic funding considerations. The President agreed, and noted that this would be handed off to the Netherlands' Presidency to progress;
- d. The President asked that attention be given to filling the vacancy on the Winter Seminar Committee:
 - (1) VP USA: Remarked that it should be noted that Col Deveze moved from the Winter Seminar Committee to the PfP Committee, and the Capt Smith moved from the PfP to the Winter Seminar Committee;
 - (2) VP Denmark: Noted that LCdr Jeppesen was stepping down as the YROW Committee Chair, and that Lt Slonecki was the incoming Chair;
 - (3) VP NL: Noted that LCol van Rossem was stepping down as the DefSec Secretary because of the changes required from the Netherlands' Presidency transition;
 - (4) VP Slovenia: Withdrew their nomination for the PfP Committee offered his best wishes to Denmark and France in progressing the Committee's work;
 - (5) VP France: noted that the YROW Secretary was resigning, there would be a replacement for the Committee, but that this would create a committee

vacancy.

- 5 - CIOR Representative
Organization: Czech Republic
- a. The President provided background information on the situation with respect to the CIOR representative organization from Czech Republic. (Letters enclosed.) The President stated that the matter had been sent to the Legal Committee for review and that he expected to have a recommendation for two motions to Council at the next session; the first to terminate the existing representative association, and the second to vote on accepting the new member applicant;
 - b. Item tabled to 12 Jul session.
- 6 - MC 441 Revision
- a. The President advised the Council that we had received this issue from NRFC and their agenda was to revise the order of paragraphs 17-19, but they had not progressed the issue and would be turning this item over to the new NRFC Chair. In addition, he told Council that CIOMR, having learned that this document would be open for revision, was going to pursue an elaboration of CIOMR's role with respect to advising NATO. The President noted that the draft changes that CIOR had circulated to Council provided a basis to approach NATO for increased program funding by emphasizing the utility of CIOR to NATO;
 - b. The item was tabled for the incoming Presidency to schedule as future events dictated.
- 7 - 60th Anniversary Monument
(Annex B)
- a. VP BE Made a presentation concerning the 60th Anniversary Monument;
 - b. Council agreed to proceed with the proposal as presented by VP BE.
- 8 - Permanent Archive Audit
- a. The President provided the background information for this agenda item, stating that he had directed that the Council decisions taken on this matter had been intentionally removed from the Ottawa IBM minutes due to their personal and sensitive nature. He noted that By-law 17 required that the Permanent Representative of CIOR to NATO HQ archive CIOR records. Further, By-

law 17 requires that these records be made available on request. He informed Council that it had become an issue, not because the records were incomplete, but because Canada had not been provided information on request, and that we simply didn't know what was in the archives in any detail, and it had become apparent over the course of the Presidency that there were relevant records affecting current operations that were not known – the best example being the MOU signed between the CIOR and the Russian Reserve Officers Association from 2000 that had simply not been passed on to either our Presidency or our predecessors. Based on this, at the IBM, Council had passed a motion directing the Presidency to conduct an inventory of the archives, and the President then asked VP BE to undertake the inventory. A letter was sent to the Permanent Representative informing him of the inventory and asking his cooperation. A second letter was sent to VP BE providing terms of reference and time frame to conduct the inventory;

- b. VP BE provided a report on his actions, cautioning that this was a very delicate matter with many nuances for CIOR, the Permanent Representative, and the Belgian ROA. VP BE found that records exist in the form of the Minutes of the meetings. He stated that correspondence remains with each Presidency during their two year term, and that incoming/outgoing correspondence, except as included in the meeting Minutes, has not been stored in the CIOR NATO office. He noted that the office furnishings belong to NATO;
- c. The President stated that the matter of record keeping would have to be resolved as it affects CIOR's credibility as an organization, which in turn, provided difficulty with obtaining and retaining funding from NATO, our respective MoDs, and even our members.

9 - Sponsorship Plan
(Annex C)

- a. The President introduced the matter, commenting that the Istanbul Summer Congress could not have delivered as it has, without the considerable sponsorship support that TESUD had achieved. The Secretary General then delivered a presentation (enclosed). It was noted by the

President that that traditionally, CIOR only had to sources of funds, dues assessments and event registrations. The profit or loss from the Summer Congress was a host nation issue, and other events are designed to be revenue neutral. As this issue was forward looking, the President asked the A/Incoming President for his input. A/Incoming President recommends acceptance of the item;

- b. A number of supporting points as well as concerns were raised in a broad discussion over the recommendation. It was noted that this is a timely discussion given the inability of some nations to attend the Congress due to funding issues while others are limited in participations. This is balanced by concerns that CIOR's linkage to NATO could potentially be damaged by the possibility of having inappropriate sponsors. In such an event, it could put at risk MoD funding and therefore, CIOR must be cautious with respect to sponsorships so as not to embarrass the MoD. Some alternatives to fundraising were described with a view that a compromise may be needed, but it was recognized that gaining further revenues is important;
- c. The President summarized the conversation and stated that there appeared to be support for the global CIOR approach, and recommended Council direct:
 - (1) That the NL Presidency appoint two Presidency A/SG (Sponsorship), one integral French speaking, and one integral English speaking;
 - (2) That the NL Presidency task the two A/SG (Sponsorship) to write a sponsorship plan;
 - (3) That each of the A/SG (Sponsorship) aim for a first year target of 5000E in sponsorship contributions.

The recommendation received the unanimous support of Council.

Congress

with respect to the preparations for the 62nd Summer Congress. They have identified the Congress site as the Sofia NATO Centre, 4-8 Aug 09. The NATO Centre is within a 20 minutes walk from the hotel area. Sponsors identified to date are the MoD, the Ministries of the Interior, Culture and Business, and the Association of Hotel and Restaurant Owners. The Congress OPI is LGen Topolov, and they are trying to have it put in the state budget. Capt(N) McNary was thanked for his visit, as his meeting with various high level officials was beneficial to their planning.

11 - Constitution and By-laws
(Annex D)

- a. Capt(N) McNary introduced the matter of the proposed Constitution and By-laws amendments. After a brief overview he identified the two main objectives:
- (1) Modernize the definitions of Member, Associate, Guest and Observer to correct anomalies in current practice, and especially to facilitate South Africa's participation in CIOR;
 - (2) Modernize and formalize governance and financial procedures.
- b. As there were several concerns circulated prior to the Council meeting, the President stated that the way ahead would be to adjourn the council, and allow the Strategic Vision Working Group to address the concerns that had been circulated, and return to Council when the Council session resumed on Saturday with a recommendation on the amendment proposal to enable a consensus;

Council adjourned for the day and resumed on Saturday July 12 at which time the discussions about constitutional matters continued.

Agenda Item

Detail

11 - Constitution and By-laws

- c. The Strategic Vision Working Group reported that the proposed Constitutional amendments and the process used to bring the draft forward had been challenged by communication and procedural issues. The history of the

table draft was discussed, which cleared the way forward, but more work is required before any package is ready for consideration by the Council. The Working Group recommended that the current draft be reviewed by the Legal Committee to ensure that the language of the draft achieved the stated intent of the changes. The Legal Committee was briefed on the new draft. The Chair of the Legal Committee promised that the Committee would review the draft and prepare an opinion to present to the IBM in October.

12 - Chairs
Committee Briefs

- a. YROW (LCdr Jeppesen) – (See Annex E):
- (1) Workshop 2008: 44 participants from 12 nations put in 33 hours of work. The YROW workshop was co located with the congress. Completed the LOAC competition. There were 3 subject matter expert speakers and four briefing notes on the workshop topic were completed and delivered to the President. There was an YROW presentation to the general council and a number of articles produced for the media;
 - (2) A third Seminar was held in the spring (Skopje 06; Tirana 07; Sofia 08) and a decision is required whether further Workshops will be held in future. The Sofia Seminar had 25 participants from 10 countries. There was fantastic hospitality from the host nation but a lack of local and regional participants, which was the rationale for holding these events. There was a combination of speakers from NATO, IMS, SHAPE and PCY, and facilitators from Canada, DA and the UK supported the event. The YROW Committee strongly recommends that the Seminar continue with international facilitators in close cooperation with the host nation;
 - (3) Planning for YROW 2009 is underway - the YROW Committee has established contact with the CIMIC committee. The theme will be "Recruitment and Retention into NATO Operations";

- (4) The Committee will continue with its on-going work: the writing and updating of the YROW SOP; production of the Spring Seminar after action report; planning for the YROW in Bulgaria 2009; and, feedback sessions and critique sheets for improvements;
- (5) YROW Committee Membership. Handover of Chair to Lt (N) Adam Slonecki of the UK will happen today, following which Committee Members will be Lt (N) Slonecki (UK) (Chair) 2 yrs; Capt Schutt (GE) 2 yrs (2010); Lt Rothrock (US) 1 further yr (uncertain); Vacant positions: It was noted that non-universal access committee membership is personal and must last for the next two years (ending congress 2010). Ltv Demartin (France) was proposed for Sec;
- (6) President - Action Item – YROW Seminar: There has been a lack of participation from the local countries that the seminar has been aimed at. May be a question of the seminar not being valued by the countries MODs so CIOR has to fund participants. It was further noted that between now and the IBM a nation must come forward with the required resources available, and the Council on advice of the incoming President must decide if there is to be a seminar

b. DEFSEC (Cdr Roll) – (See Annex F):

- (1) There have been some concerns expressed on the longevity of the DEFSEC Committee itself. The Committee has discussed a new way for DEFSEC as a lighthouse for strategic defence and security issues for Reserves with a goal to producing high value products. The DEFSEC mandate is high-level strategic matters that concern Reserves. Current work within the Committee is focused on Symposium wrap up and recommendations, and planning for after Istanbul;

- (2) The DEFSEC Committee recommends that the Symposium become part of a modular knowledge product; leading to a comprehensive report with executive summary and appendices. The report should also cover best practices lessons learned and include recommendations. We should bring Symposium themes to the knowledge and appreciation of our stakeholders, NATO, Military Committee, MOD's and ROA's;
- (3) Recommendations:
 - (i) Symposium working group must be directed and chaired by a representative of the Dutch presidency. We must keep clear direction and effectively mobilize the contributing CIOR Committees on an equal footing;
 - (ii) The President noted that a cautious approach to building further onto the Symposium was recommended, as there are significant challenges faced in putting on the limited product currently presented. The Symposium in each of the last two years, and likely prior to that as well, worked in spite of the organization of the CIOR for preparing it, and not because the system worked. A small group of people, led by the Chair of the DEFSEC Committee, actually made the symposium happen. Many countries are not participating or are paying lip service to the symposium. We need to be careful of overreach – should the CIOR add to expectations if we are not accomplishing the primary mission?;
 - (iii) With the completion of the symposium the report must be completed and distributed broadly. There must be key distribution at the national levels. It is suggested that briefings could be held to

fully explain the report. This product from CIOR needs to be fully displayed.

- c. CIMIC (Maj Simonsen) – (See Annex G):
- (1) A strategic plan for the CIMIC Committee has been published and given out, this maps the way forward;
 - (2) Over the course of this meeting, the CIMIC Committee reviewed the challenges ahead:
 - (i) Long-term succession;
 - (ii) Benefit from lessons learned; and
 - (iii) Valuable results of benefit to NATO
 - (3) These discussions led to a discussion of tasks currently underway:
 - (i) Long term planning;
 - (ii) CIMIC scope and doctrine;
 - (iii) Symposium working group – Sofia Bulgaria 2009;
 - (iv) Web / CMS productions;
 - (v) Education basic CIMIC understanding;
 - (vi) Employer support.

A report was provided for each task;
 - (4) Recommendations: The Committee recommends that the Council endorse the scope change in the CIMIC Committee. The Committee further recommends that the CIOR return to a 1-day symposium because of the participation problems. This led to a broad discussion regarding the purpose of Congresses in general:

"Production vs Committee Meetings", as well as a discussion about the role and mandate of the CIMIC Committee. Further consideration of these issues will be required in future.

d. LEGAL (LCol Bernauw) – (See Annex H):

- (1) It was reported that there were 17 committee members in attendance at this Congress;
- (2) Topics discussed included:
 - (i) LOAC;
 - (ii) Symposium;
 - (iii) PfP issues;
 - (iv) CIOR constitutional amendments.
- (3) An update was provided on each item, with the following noteworthy items discussed:
 - (i) The Committee supported LOAC events for both MILCOMP and YROW, leading to the LOAC competition where the results were YROW 1st Germany, and MILCOMP 1st Belgium;
 - (ii) The Committee also provided support for the 2008 Symposium and is coordinating input for the 2009 Symposium as well.
- (4) There were a number of issues related to the PfP Committee that were actioned during this Congress: the Czech Association- exclusion of present member for non payment (Constitution Art. 12 Version 2006) and replacement upon formal designation by Czech MOD; Moldova's qualification for transition to associate status cannot be actioned because the Committee has not yet received the present national constitution text

for review;

- (5) Considerable time was spent on the proposed CIOR Constitutional Amendments, but in light of the instructions of Council received during the Congress, the Committee will approach these again over the months ahead;
- (6) In response from Council, NL requests that the committee rotate the questions for the LOAC competitors to avoid a stale competition. As well, the President noted that the CIOR has achieved measurable results for first aid and LOAC, which can be taken to NRFC and member MODs as a tangible PD result. A report should be produced detailing who was tested, what was tested, the results and improvements from year to year. It was urged that a start point might be to prepare a report on the history and the approach and value of these aspects of the Competition.

e. PfP(Col Eitze) – (See Annex I):

- (1) The Chair noted that coming into the Congress 2 positions on the PfP Committee appeared to be vacant. These were filled during the Congress subject to ratification of the Council, which was granted adding Lt Col Loic Conquer, France and Col Joze Konda, Slovenia to the Committee through 2010. It was also noted that the Chairman and Secretary of the PfP Committee will both complete their terms at the end of the 2009 Congress so a nomination process is required for the Winter Meeting;
- (2) An overview of recent and future meetings and visits included the PfP Seminar (Switzerland 19 Oct 2008); IBM (Delft 23-25 Oct 2008); Gaming I (Switzerland May 2009); PfP Workshop (Slovenia Oct 2009); and, PfP Workshop (Bulgaria Oct 2010);
- (3) The status of the Moldavian Association

(FARVARM) was reported, and it was noted that the Association has attended as Observers over the past three years (intermittently), and has now applied for Associate Status. Unfortunately, there was no registration for this Congress, so it was recommended that a letter be written to the Moldavian Association to work towards Associate status – which could justify a visit of the President / SG and PfP Chair to Moldavia;

- (4) The status of the Czech Republic was reviewed - the old Association has not participated or paid any dues for at least several years. The Association now presenting itself for membership has attended the past two meetings, has offered to pay the dues for the current year and has a letter indicating support in writing from the Minister of Defense for the Czech Republic. However, in order to be sure, the Committee recommends that a request is to be sent to the MOD of Czech Republic requesting confirmation of who actually represents all Reservists in Czech Republic in international forums;
- (5) The President did not support the recommendation of the Committee and advised Council that sufficient details were already provided to proceed to first terminate the membership of the current member: the MOD withdrew its support from the first Association years ago – in writing sent to the Italian Presidency; the Association has not paid dues or attended CIOR for several years; five attempts at contact have been made over the past two years with no response to date;
- (6) Motion by the UK, seconded by Canada, to terminate the membership of and remove the current membership of the Association from the Czech Republic. (Passed under By-law 4.10.2: 18 Yes; 1 (Italy) No);
- (7) The discussion continued. It was noted that

CIOR has already received a letter from the Czech MOD supporting membership for the new Association, so no further correspondence with the MOD is required. However, the Constitution of the new Association has not been seen in detail and needs to be reviewed by the Legal Committee. Several questions need to be answered; is the Association open to all Reservists? Open to all citizens? The representative from the Association present agreed to cooperate with the required process.

- f. PA (LCol Knabe) – (See Annex J): It was reported that at this congress, 32 Articles with photos have been prepared (17 from augmentees), over 3000 photos taken, 6 Videos created by augmentee team, and Wikipedia content has been developed. The Committee also provided support to the press conference by Turkish Organizers, supported the media workshop, worked with Canada and the NL on the transition to a new Presidency and development of a communications strategy, worked for a closer relationship with the European Military Press Association, held a meeting with DEFSEC, CIMIC and Legal to support symposium, planned PA support to the CLA and nominated a new PA Chair and Secretary (Capt Nielsen (Denmark) Chair, and LCol Klahn (Germany) Secretary), both to hold office through 2010;

- g. WINTER SEMINAR (Col Cochrane) – (See Annex K): It was reported that the Committee worked preparing for Winter Seminar 2009, "NATO's 60th Anniversary, Past Present and Future", which will be held 15-18 February 2009, again supported by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Wesseling, Germany. The price will be 190 Euros a person, includes quarters and meals. Topics to be discussed will include the creation of NATO and the world of 1949, Russia and NATO - potential allies or permanent confrontation, China and Iran, an Afghan mission update, and new US and French security policy. The maximum numbers will be limited to 70 participants, and registration will open in Nov 2008. 20 Dec 2008 is the final registration deadline;

- h. CLA (Col Holsworth) – (See Annex L):
- (1) The most immediate concern is the makeup of the Committee – the CLA committee needs eight members and there will be only three left after the Congress. (Col Holsworth, Col Dreville, and Major Koss). This has to be addressed by nations and the in-coming Presidency immediately;
 - (2) It was further reported that CLA 2008 will start 15 July in Istanbul. There are 93 students from 19 countries (17 PfP). There is NATO funding for 30 students from PfP. Scholarships are providing funding for six students from non-PfP countries;
 - (3) For the future, Bulgaria, Moldova and Czech Rep. have expressed interest in hosting the CLA. The CLA Committee recommends accepting the bid from Bulgaria for CLA 09 and would request that the CLA be run from the end of July to have the graduation during the Congress. Istanbul has shown the potential, but unrealized value added of hosting concurrent events;
 - (4) Czech Rep. desires to host CLA 10. Poland wants to offer a refresher course in the 4th quarter of 2008, open to any students. Slovenia wishes to offer a refresher course on Sep 21-27 2008. Poland is to offer a refresher course in early Jan 2009;
 - (5) Recommendations: CLA recommends accepting the bids from Poland and Slovenia. Slovenia also is allowed to invite other countries. Vote: Passed unanimously.

13 – Secretary
General Presentation
– CIOR SOP's
(Annex M)

A Power point presentation was provided. The SOP package was briefed and will be handed over to the incoming Presidency for putting onto the Website so that it is available to all.

14 – President Update
on Transition Issues

From the perspective of the out-going Presidency, all matters are being addressed or have already been turned

over, with tremendous cooperation from the NL team. As examples, finances have now be turned over, the CIOR website is being updated during the Congress; and all documents have been turned over and website is being turned over as we are speaking. Julie Durand is under contract to run the site as it is for the Netherlands presidency. No issues are expected to arise. The NL Presidency will be responsible for the fall (September) brief to the Military Committee at NATO HQ.

15 – Netherlands
Assumption

- a. The only action item for this Congress is the FY 2009 Budget approval – cost for website administration is the only item not previously briefed. The Budget was unanimously approved as presented;
- b. As well, the dues charged for the 2009 year were passed out to VP's for payment by October 1;
- c. The recommendation of a Permanent Representative to NATO for 2008-2010 will be dealt with at the October IBM.

AESOR Brief: WO
Ronsman – Belgium /
Sgt Grace – Canada
(Annex N)

WO Ronsmans (BE) and Sgt Grace (CA) provided a brief on AESOR, its members and roles. Member nations include Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and Switzerland, with observer nations being Hungary, UK and Slovenia. Delegates represent NCOs of member countries. The Presidency rotates every 2 years. There are opportunities for cooperation as many activities of AESOR and CIOR overlap or complement each other.

President: Council Adjourned

W.J.M. Verheijen
Lieutenant Colonel
President CIOR
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