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Romania has become member with full rights within the European Gendarmerie Force

Today, 17th December 2008, on the occasion of the High Level Interdepartmental Committee Meeting (CIMIN), held in Coimbra (Portugal), Romania, through the Romanian Gendarmerie, has become a member with full rights within the European Gendarmerie Force.

On this occasion, the General Inspector of the Romanian Gendarmerie, General Costica Sillion, Ph.d., will sign: *The Unilateral Declaration for Romania adherence to EGF*, a document that certify the institution status within the EGF.

In the same time with the CIMIN Meeting, the EGF Exercise –EGEX 08 is performed, and three Romanian officers having command positions within the Romanian Gendarmerie participate in this Exercise.

The representatives of the EGF Member States will visit the Officers School of the *Guarda Nacional Republicana*, the institution that host the EGEX 08 Exercise, aiming to emphasize the importance the European Gendarmerie Force gives to the efforts for developing the conducting and planning of the international operations and to set up Projectable Headquarters for complex police actions within the international crisis missions, under EU command.

Background information:

European Gendarmerie Force (EUROGENDFOR or EGF) was established starting the 17th of September 2004, by the agreement of five EU Member States, namely: Spain, France, Italy, The Netherlands and Portugal, having police forces with military status capable to perform public security and judicial police missions.

The EGF objectives were established by the Declaration of Intention from Noordwijk, the Netherlands:

- to contribute to the development of the European Security and Defence Policy by missions of substitution and/or enhancing for the local police forces, including complete judicial police missions;
- to provide an operational force for the EU in order to conduct all the police missions during the crisis management missions (Petersberg missions), paying an important attention to the substitution missions;
- to provide a multinational structure for the European Union operations;
- to participate in the field of crisis management, at the international organizations initiatives.

According to the mandate of each operation, EGF will be able to intervene on a large spectrum of missions, namely:

- public order maintaining and re-storing;
- monitoring and advising of the local police force, including the judicial activity;
- checking of the illicit trafficking, border police and general investigation;
- judicial investigation, covering the field of detecting the violent actions, offenders pursuing and their transfer to the judicial competent authorities;
- protection of the population and goods;
- training of the police officers in accordance with the international standards;
- training of the trainers, especially within the cooperation programmes.

The political structure able to take the general political decisions, to elaborate the directives and to establish the guidance lines is the High Level Interdepartmental Committee (CIMIN), composed of representatives of the competent ministries in each country; it provides the political-military coordination, appoints the EGF commander, forwarding the directives and establishing the conditions for the force use. CIMIN is composed of the representatives of the relevant ministries (interior/defence, foreign affairs ministry) designated by each of the five states.

EGF has a Multinational Staff, ready and projectable in every situation. This Permanent Staff is conducted by the EGF Commander and it has a multinational nucleus able to be enhanced, depending on the situation, with the approval of the participant states. Its main attribution is the operative planning and, if requested, can contribute to the strategic decision process.

EGF can be deployed, only by request, in missions performed under the umbrella or the mandate of the international organizations as European Union, UNO, OSCE, OTAN or an ad-hoc coalition, or independently, with the approval of the Member States.