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### Final minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ETAP/ETAC STEERING BOARD – Madrid, 25 May 2016

#### A. Participants :

1. Participants: BG, ES, FR, NL, PT, EDA. Detailed list of participants is in Annex B.

#### B. Welcome & Introduction

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LCol Fernández (ES Air Force Staff/Plans & Policies Division), former PMG Chairman, welcomed the Participants and reminded that the meeting will focus on the manning and it will be considered as a flagging conference of the ETAC.

He expressed his great concern for the low participation of the nations and the EATC in such a very important meeting.

A tour de table followed to introduce each other.

#### C. Agenda

The agenda was approved as follows:

- PE and flagging positions
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LTC Carlos Marin ES AHWG O&T representative, presented the ETAC PE as follows:

- IOC will be reached in Sep 2016:
- Some posts will be in dormant status (Chief Intel and Tactical Instructor LM)
- Number of events to be confirmed depending of the support provided by nations and EATC.
- FOC will be reached in 2019 (All posts need to be covered), level of ambition can be raised

He presented nations commitment with the human resources of the Centre as stated in the 8<sup>th</sup> PMG meeting in Viena (29 September 2015).

### 8th PMG

NATION	1 <sup>ST</sup> TOUR 2016-2019	2 <sup>ND</sup> TOUR 2019-2022	3 <sup>RD</sup> TOUR 2022-2025
BE			1 POST
BG	0	0	0
CZ	0	0	0
DE		1 POST (POSSIBLE) or	1 POST (POSSIBLE)
ES	3 POSTS	3 POSTS	3 POSTS
FR			1 POST
FI	1 POST (2017)		
IT	1 POST		1 POST (POSSIBLE)
NL		1 POST	
NO		1 POST	
PT		1 POST (2018?)	
EATC	2 POSTS	2 POSTS	2 POSTS
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>7/8 POSTS</b>	<b>8/9 POSTS</b>	<b>8/9 POSTS</b>

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The situation is as follows, only Italy and Spain will commit with human resources, plus EATC that will cover two posts from Eindhoven

11 posts x 3 periods (3 years permanency)= 33 post to cover

PERMANENT POSTS	2016 Sep-2019 Sep.	2019 Sep-2022 Sep.	2022 Sep-2025
Centre Commander			
Admin			
Assistant	<b>3</b>		
Course Director			
Training Supervisor			
Chief Ops			
Chief TAC Instructor		<b>2</b>	
CIS	<b>6</b>		
Tactical Instructor (PII/WSO/TSO)	<b>6</b>		
Chief INTEL	<b>4</b>		
Tactical Instructor (LM)	Dormant Until FOC	<b>4</b>	
<b>15 SLOTS TO COVER/09 Pms (11-ES &amp; LUX)</b>			

## 2ND ETAP/ETAC SB

There were some proposals on how to incentivize nations to commit with human resources, and possible interim solutions to the problem, but given the reduced number of nations in the meeting it was decided to look for a top down approach to get nations commitment.

Michele Rega stated that EDA cannot support 2017 projects even money wise. Representatives asked if ES Air Chief could send a letter to nations Air Forces asking for confirmation in their commitment with the ETAC PE. A deadline in July will be appreciated to be sure if ETAC IOC could be reached in September, or at least a hand over ceremony could be held between EDA and the Centre.

BU representative asked if EDA could do the same but at a higher level, as in some nations the decision lies above Air Force.

LTC Fernández commented that he first, has to ask to ES Air Chief if he would agree, as a lot of efforts has been made from Spain. If ES Air Chief agrees, it is necessary to see that the Centre is sustainable for the 9 years that covers the TA. If that is the case, an interim solution could be found.

It was decided to attach to the letter a chart where nations could fill their commitment and preferences.

It will be asked to nations POC for:

- SB
- Financial issues
- Send the certified true copy of the TA.

- AOB/Closing Remarks

PT representative informed that Portugal was interested in organizing a Flag exercise in 2018, but the decision will depend on the interest of EDA and nations.

A question was asked about how to finance Pilots ETAP-I next year, as EDA will not cover the costs. This will be discussed in next SB.

If ETAC reach IOC on time, ETAC Commander will have to present the PoW for approval to the next SB.

ES representative asked if India could attend next EAATTC in Zaragoza as observer. As a handover from EDA has not been made yet, it was suggested to ask this question in the EATF MC meeting.

## 2ND ETAP/ETAC SB

If the letter works and nation's commitment is reached, the next SB will be in September 21st, and the opening Ceremony of the Centre will be on September 22nd, both meetings will be held in Zaragoza.

If that is not the case, all participants will be informed in due time of the way ahead.

The Chairman thanked the SB representatives for his participation and encourages them to staff back home the manning challenge.

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DECISIONS TAKEN		
Nr	SB DECISIONS	RMKS
D-01	Chairman will ask ES Air Chief to send a letter to participant nation looking for commitment in human resources	ASAP
D-02	A letter will be sent to EDA Executive Director, asking for help at the appropriate level	ES
D-03	A letter will be sent to COMEATC informing the situation	ES
D-04	Nations will designate POCs for SB, financial issues and send the Certified true copy of the TA	ALL
D-05	How to finance ETAP-I to be discussed next SB	
D-06	2017 PoW will be presented in next SB	If there is no delay in the IOC

NEXT EVENTS		
Nr	EVENT	RMKS
E-02	3 <sup>rd</sup> SB meeting	Zaragoza 21.09.2016 if no delay in IOC
E-03	Opening Centre Ceremony	Zaragoza 22.09.2016 if no delay in IOC

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