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## Honorary Member of the Implementation Group Nomination for the 10<sup>th</sup> Honorary Member

Dear Members of the Implementation Group!

As announced during the 63<sup>rd</sup> IG meeting and according to the RoP – ESDC document 2017/184 as of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – I nominate **Lieutenant Colonel (ret.) Dr. (Hon.) Dirk DUBOIS** – former Head of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) – as the 10<sup>th</sup> Honorary Member of the Implementation Group (IG).

### Reasons:

- 1) When the IG was to be established in 2008/2009, Dirk DUBOIS was within the ESDC the Training Manager and was the leading character for establishing the first steps. With his demanding and wise leadership he overcame all the difficulties at the beginning and established five so-called “quick wins”, the basis for the later Lines of Development.
- 2) From 2013-2015 Dirk DUBOIS was the Chairman of the IG. Under his leadership more Lines of Development were established and he paved the way for a structured implementation of Common Modules. As IG Chairman he also developed the “tree of competences” for the basic officer education, which was the basis for a common understanding about the learning outcomes a future officer should achieve and which resulted in the SQF MILOF document later.
- 3) After Dirk DUBOIS has been appointed to the Head of ESDC by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015, he always was a strong and main supporter of the IG. Without his contributions the IG would not be where it is now.
- 4) To underline Dirk DUBOIS’s outstanding efforts for the basis officer education, he received the “golden ring of the Theresan Military Academy” in 2018. These outstanding efforts were also honoured by the Vasil Levski National Military University with an “Honorary Doctor” in September 2021.

We will discuss and – if you agree with me – vote on Lieutenant Colonel (ret.) Dr. (Hon.) Dirk DUBOIS’s Honorary Membership during the 64<sup>th</sup> IG meeting.

Yours sincerely,

