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Col Harald GELL
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Dear Colonel,

Nomination of the Chairperson of the Line of Development 1 on System of Equivalences (LoD-1)

First and foremost, please accept my sincere appreciation for your dedication and the considerable efforts you have invested in enhancing the exchange of cadets and staff among the military academies across Europe. Your commitment has greatly strengthened our international community and fostered invaluable opportunities for collaboration.

In this regard, I would like to nominate Lieutenant Colonel (OF-4) Tom SIMOENS, Head of the Department of Conflict Studies and Professor of History at the Royal Military Academy (RMA) in Brussels, for the position of Chairperson of LoD-1 on the System of Equivalences. Since joining the Academy in 2006, LTC SIMOENS has distinguished himself as an esteemed member of our faculty of Social and Military Sciences (SSMW). Notably, since 2019, he has been an active participant in our in-house Commission on Education and Pedagogy. In this role, he co-authored a comprehensive study in 2021 analyzing the academic workload (in study hours) of our cadets, a contribution that will undoubtedly support him in fulfilling the responsibilities of the LoD-1 Chairperson.

Lastly, please rest assured that the Royal Military Academy will fully support the necessary financial provisions to facilitate LTC SIMOENS participation in IG meetings.

Sincerely,


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