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**WG on Common Foreign and Security Policy**

**Agenda**

- 1) Assignment for the WG & working method
  - \* the role of this WG
  - \* how to organize the work (meetings, e-mail list etc.)
  
- 2) Action Plan for 2007
  - \* what kind of issues should be covered
  - \* preparing for European elections 2009
  - \* need of resources
  - \* topics for lobbying/campaigning
  
- 3) Political Priority: Conflict Prevention & Civilian Crisis Management
  - \* political priority paper
  
- 4) Green Foreign and Security Policy resolutions
  - \* the role of WG in drafting resolutions
  
- 5) Any other matters

## **Political priority : Civilian Crisis Management**

### **Why is the issue relevant to the 2009 election?**

Taking into consideration how the nature of present-day conflicts and crises has developed it is important to ensure that the international community is capable to interfere in them with the versatile crisis management tools. Military Crisis Management is only one component in the crisis management. In contemporary world the threats of typical interstate wars have been replaced by new types of threats like regional conflicts, environmental disasters, data security threats, violations of human rights etc. In order to effective intervention in varied crises we need both military and civilian crisis management tools.

Civilian Crisis Management in EU has five priority areas: police, rule of law, civilian administration, civil protection and monitoring. Its main difference with military crisis management is that all the operations are carried out by civilians, not military personnel. Civilian Crisis Management plays an important role in conflict prevention and should thereby be a principal tool in crisis management. So far Civilian Crisis Management has been under budgeted compared to Military Crisis Management.

From the green point of view it is really important to emphasize the role of Civilian Crisis Management as the greens have been the first global party to perceive the so called weak signals of new security threats which are not solved only with military solutions.

### **What is the measurable output we want to generate (usable in the campaign)?**

WG on Common Foreign & Security policy could be responsible for generating content for the issues it is covering for the Common Campaign 2009 platform/manifesto. Promoting Civilian Crisis Management and Conflict Prevention as an equal component in crisis management alongside with Military Crisis Management should be one of the main concrete topics in the text concerning foreign & security policy in EU. Important questions/matters:

- To clarify the concept and content of EU Civilian Crisis Management
- Picture of the security threats of our times
- Crisis management as a whole and its (equal) components (military/civilian)
- The relation of military and civil components in crisis management and their order in operations

### **What are the main internal issues we have to resolve?**

- We have to make sure we are aware of the content and definition of Civilian Crisis Management in EU
- Agree on the equal role of civilian and military components in crisis management

### **What are the key activities that are needed to achieve the result ?**

- WG on Common Foreign & Security Policy has to take this issue to its agenda
- One workshop/seminar/panel discussion (with a topical resolution) on Civilian Crisis Management in the Council Meeting (autumn 2007)