

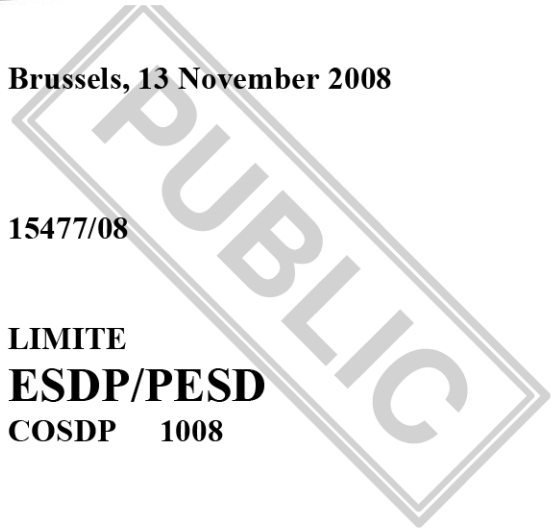


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From: European Union Military Committee
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Subject: Military Advice on the draft EU Concept for Network Enabled Capabilities (NEC)
in support of ESDP

Delegations will find attached the Military Advice on the draft EU Concept for Network Enabled Capabilities (NEC) in support of ESDP which was agreed by the EUMC on 13.11.2008.

Reference:

- A. Draft EU Concept for Network Enabled Capabilities (NEC) in Support of ESDP (COSDP 735 No. 12737/08, dated 5 September 2008).

A. INTRODUCTION AND AIM

1. The EUMC was invited by the PSC on 8 October 2008 to provide Military Advice on the document at Reference A.

B. ADVICE

2. The EUMC recognizes the co-ordinated effort of the Wise Pen, EDA, EUMS, CEUMC, DGE VIII, DGE IX, CPCC, DGA5 and Joint SITCEN in producing this mature draft NEC Concept.
3. The EUMC is aware that EDA is preparing an Implementation Study based on the draft NEC Concept.
4. The EUMC
- considers that the main challenges for developing NEC in support of ESDP and the Comprehensive Approach have been identified;
 - underlines that NEC development will address people and information issues, as well as network technologies;
 - underlines that NEC development will be open to the participation of all Member States;
 - notes the need for close co-operation with NATO, to explore the development of common NEC tools and processes, where appropriate, in order to avoid duplication of effort. All products from such a co-operation should be made available to all Member States;
 - recognises the need for interoperability with NATO, when and where appropriate, however this should not limit a comprehensive ESDP approach to NEC;
 - recognises the need to establish the High Level Group as described at Reference A. However, further work is required to define the Terms of Reference of that Group which should be subject to further approval;
 - believes that the successful implementation of the NEC Concept will require the full participation and determination of all EU entities and actors involved, including allocation of the necessary resources;
 - considers that it will be essential to determine, preferably through the Implementation Study, whether the necessary pre-conditions to successful implementation exist.

C. RECOMMENDATION

5. The PSC is invited to note this advice.