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ExCom Meeting 16th April 2024 <u>14:00 hrs.</u> Malta Police Union Office

Draft Minutes

Jonne Rinne - President Unn-Alma Skatvold – Vice President Mark Marshallsay – Treasurer Nigel Dennis- Head of Office Angels Bosch Roberto Garcia Georgios Stamatakis

Apologies

David Kennedy.

In Attendance;

Henry Bautista – Internal Auditor.

1 Minutes of previous ExCom meeting 26th February 2024

Minutes of that meeting were approved as being reflective of the discussions held and decisions made by the Excom.

3 Matters arising

EuroCOP Manifesto for the European Parliamentary Elections June 2024,

AB brought to our attention the following 2019 European Parliament resolution

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-8-2019-0127_EN.html

This has yet to be inserted into our draft manifesto, that has already been shared with our M.O. To that end we shall bring this to their attention and seek their approval for its inclusion.



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The Manifesto as previously agreed has been translated into Spanish and Greek, **UAS suggested the use of** "Action cards" These had already being produced in Spanish English, Greek and Swedish, but the Excom recognised this suggestion as being a positive initiative moving forward.

President – Update

JR provided a detailed update to the Excom on approaches made directly to himself by other Police Representative organisations, who had made overtures in recent months regarding membership of EuroCOP and other matters like the construction of our statutes. A detailed debate then took place in which all members present provided their assessment of the information provided. In conclusion the <u>Excom agreed to</u> <u>have clear lines for the Excom to take in future; ie to listen, to take note, but to</u> <u>not commit EuroCOP to anything without reference back to the Excom on how</u> to proceed and where necessary they will confer back to the membership.

<u>Action</u> - Clear Lines for Excom to take when being approached by other Police representative bodies approved.

JR, **AB** & **ND** had a meeting with the General Secretary Esther Lynch of the ETUC Esther Lynch at her request regarding the Policing of demonstrations and the concerns whereby Trade Unions and protest are increasingly under attack. We made reference to;

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-8-2019-0127_EN.html

Also the training of TU liason officers for these events and from our view point the rise of the far right and the possible infiltration of extremist at such events

Financial Update

MM provided a full financial assessment of EuroCOP's current Financial status.

He went to say that EuroCOP's investment portfolio is showing that the MO decision in April 2021 in approving the Excom's recommendation of investing in middle risk stock and shares has proved thus far to be a positive one.

Also the EuroCOP 30 day business account has showed for the first time in many years an increase in its value of the annual interest paid at 31/12/2023.

MM went to say his report shall indicate that in the short term due to increase costs of having 2 Committee meetings across Europe, that our organisation needs to consider moving to move model that of one face to face committee and one line meeting per year.

The costs of committee meetings remain a fiscal concern to **ND** as the Head of Office, who undertakes due diligence and scrutinises these costs throughout the whole of



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the arrangement process to ensure that we achieve value for our money on every expense of these events, whilst ensuring we are maintaining the recognised high standard of accommodation and conference facilities for our meetings, that we have achieved over the past 4 years.

ND advised if that were to be the case, we should provide that opportunity to the M.O to determine at our next congress as it will require an amendment to the statutes.

ND went on to advice the Excom that as an organisation we are at our M.O behest, investing in increasing our voice and presence within the European structures and institutions, and whilst we are doing all this within the agreed financial perimeter's

(*Spring Committee meeting 2020 Porto for lobbying Activities refers*) The Excom recognises the value and the measurable achievements we are making in this area.

HB who was in attendance as EuroCOP's internal auditor indicated to the meeting that he supported the premise of what both MM and ND had stated relating to maintaining fiscal stability in a responsible way.

<u>Action</u> – Excom to come to a conclusion at its next meeting on how to proceed in this matter after a period of reflection.

The Excom discussed and approved assistance to 2 Organisations who had requested staged payments on their 2024 annual subscription fee to EuroCOP

The Excom discussed the upcoming committee meeting that will be held over the next 2 days and the practical arrangements. The voting arrangements for EuroCOP's proposed Manifesto for the upcoming EU Elections are the only matter that requires a vote.

JR Closed the meeting at 17:00 thanking all participants for their active and valued contributions