

To the information of the EUROMIL Member Associations



Date: 28 March 2003
Subject: Opinion of the Board on the Iraq conflict

Dear Sirs,

at the last Board meeting on 20/21 March 2003 it was discussed in depth if EUROMIL should take a position in respect to the Iraq conflict and what a position should include. It was the consent of the Board to express solidarity with the servicemen and woman on duty but not to harm in any way the work or status of member associations on national level.

Therefore **the Board of EUROMIL** agreed on the following general opinion on the Iraq conflict:

“In relation to the Iraq conflict, the Board of EUROMIL is of the general opinion that primacy of politics determines whether or not the armed forces shall be employed. Moreover, that such decision must be taken by using existing international institutions and has to be on a legitimate basis. Soldiers may never be held liable for that decision. When executing their difficult tasks and duties, they deserve our unconditional support.”

This opinion will be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting. The member associations are free to use it for their national work or not.

The President