

To sum up, Mr Butticé wanted to draw up some conclusions of the meeting:

- (1) The minutes of the second meeting of the network 26-27 February 2002 were formally adopted
- (2) All members of the OAFCN will continue to furnish all possible aid both in their own name and on behalf of their service to the joint activities of the OAFCN
- (3) Members agreed that the OAFCN would continue to be enlarged notably in the candidate countries according to the same criteria used for inviting members in the Member States (communication specialists in all the partner investigative services)
- (4) A particular priority for 2003/2004 will be the development of the concept of communication and information as means of prevention of fraud, particularly in the framework of enlargement. In this regard a training action for communicators from the candidate countries is programmed in Romania for 20-23 October 2003. OLAF will assume the travel and subsistence costs for

the participants from the candidate countries (Romania excluded) as well as the main costs associated with the organisation of such a seminar. Members of the OAFCN from Member States will be invited to attend but will have to pay their own travel and subsistence.

- (5) A further training action for journalists in the candidate countries is planned for late 2003-early 2004.
- (6) A first version of the OLAF brochure entitled 'OLAF and Operational Co-operation as seen by its National Partners' is to be published in the coming weeks and will take into consideration the propositions/contributions received from members before 9 April 2003. Thanks to the simultaneous publication of the brochure on the OLAF website, OAFCN members can follow the process of editing and publishing of the brochure and can make their comments. A printed version of the brochure in 5 languages will be published by the Office for Official Publications of the European Community before the summer break. In the first phase this printed version will be limited to five languages but as resources allow this will be translated into other languages.
- (7) OAFCN members agreed to give as much co-operation as is legally and operationally possible to the joint filming of video stock-shots and the production of photographic image banks stressing operational co-operation.
- (8) OAFCN members agreed to create links between their respective website and to stimulate synergies between their respective webteams.
- (9) OAFCN members have asked OLAF to examine the possibility of launching a publicity campaign to raise awareness of the protection of the interests of the EU particularly in the candidate countries.
- (10) As soon as is possible OAFCN members will send their photographs to include these in the brochure listing members of the Network.
- (11) A further meeting of the Network will take place in autumn 2003. On the basis of certain suggestions made by Network members, OLAF will examine the possibility of having this meeting in a location other than Brussels. This practice has already been adopted by the OLAF Cigarette Task Group and has been well received.
- (12) The members wanted to stress their appreciation for the participation of Commissioner Schreyer in the working dinner. Several added that it is only through working and social activities of this type that the mutual personal trusts and friendly links essential to the proper functioning of the Network can be fully developed.

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