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Second CSDP Seminar European Union – South America and Mexico

Madrid, 2 – 5 July 2018
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The European Union, through the *European Security and Defence College* (ESDC), is organising the second Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Seminar with European Union and South American countries and Mexico. As the previous edition in 2016, the seminar is held in Madrid (Spain) from 2 to 5 July 2018 in collaboration with the *Centro Superior de Estudios de la Defensa Nacional* (CESEDEN), Spain.

The EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies, nine South American countries (Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay), Mexico plus the South American regional organization UNASUR are invited to this training activity.

This second edition of the CSDP Seminar aims at analysing the steps that both regions have taken in their cooperation. It represents a good occasion to promote the role of the European Union as a worldwide security provider and to assess the challenges the two regions face. The event shall introduce new elements of discussion as the management of disaster relief or the, emerging security challenges – including hybrid threats – in the respective regions and exchanges of reciprocal perspectives on current global security threats.

In light of the most recent bi-regional dialogues, this seminar will represent an important opportunity to deepen existing relations, to share best practices on common challenges, and to reinforce practical cooperation in the field of Defence and Security.

We would be honoured if you could nominate 3 participants, both senior military and senior civilian candidates (ideally coming from the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and from the police forces/services) from your country.

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Administrative Details

1. The course is open to both civilian and military personnel from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies and nine South American countries (Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay), Mexico plus the regional organization UNASUR (Union of South American Nations). Participants should be senior-level officials, preferable representing both Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence and the police forces/services from the respective participant country.
2. The 28 EU Member States and relevant EU institutions/agencies are each invited to nominate one participant. More candidates per EU Member State or EU institution/agency may be nominated; however, acceptance will be subject to the availability of places. 38 places are reserved for participants and speakers from Latin American countries, while 2 special guests will be invited from Africa (Sahel/Central Africa) or other region. The overall maximum number of participants is 70.
3. The course consists in two parts: an eLearning session on the ESDC eLearning platform ILIAS and a residential module. The course starts with the eLearning phase, which will be opened on 11 June. The residential part of the course takes place in Madrid from Monday 2 July to Thursday 5 July 2018. On Wednesday 4 July, as part of the programme, study visits to the *European Satellite Center* (SatCen) and to the *Centro Nacional Para La Protección De Las Infraestructuras Críticas* will take place.
4. Attendance of the course during the residential module is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the e-Learning phase.
5. Applications for the EU participants are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST (<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/ENList/web/app.php/login>) by the designated ENLIST nominators, no later than **1 June 2018**. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND upon completion of the registration form by the nominated participant.
6. Participants coming from the Latin American countries and the special guests from Africa will be communicated to the ESDC Secretariat via the Embassy of the respective country to Belgium/European Union. The Latin American candidates and the special guests from Africa will be registered in ENLIST registration system by the ESDC Secretariat, hence the e-mail containing full name of the candidates, personal e-mail address (functional mailboxes will not be accepted) and institution/organisation of origin should be sent to ***Secretariat-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu*** no later than **1 June 2018**.
7. All costs for travelling, accommodation and catering for the EU participants shall be covered by the sending authorities.
8. For the Latin American participants and the special guests from Africa, the EU will co-finance the participation (travels, accommodation, meals, etc.). The selected participants will be informed in details about the practical arrangements.
9. The seminar will be held in English and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation into English and Spanish will be provided during the training event.
10. The course venue for the seminar is the headquarters of the **Representation of the European Commission in Madrid**, Paseo de la Castellana, 46, Madrid and the opening will be in the premises of *Centro Superior de Estudios de la Defensa Nacional* (CESEDEN). Confirmed participants will further receive necessary logistical details and information, as well the final programme of the activity.