

## Chapter 13 – DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE

(Wientjes) We need to discuss what we want to do in the future and how this fits in the requirements of the Human Factor and Medicine Panel and fit that into a follow-on activity for HFM-140. I've had a number of talks over the last days. Vasily is very interested in the cultural aspects that we discussed over the last days and will be speaking with an expert in Kiev who could participate in this area. Tone has been talking about initiating work in this area. Can we coordinate these efforts so we're working in the same direction? I am thinking about the five-year-old recommendations from the Lisbon Workshop on suicide terrorism (some of you were there). This was a seminal event and we spent the last afternoon on the recommendations to provide to the Science and Technology organizations on the main topics to be investigated. They included: international coordination of efforts, statistical database on attacks, many databases are incomplete, methodology for data collection to maintain data, systematically mine trends, to determine what counts as an attack, dissemination of lessons learned and patterns/game theoretic modelling.

(Jongman) Since then, there is a large database at University of Maryland. In the Netherlands, there is a huge database on suicide terrorism.

(Wientjes) What is lacking is a multi-national coordinated effort and NATO can provide that. We need guidelines that are coordinated and standardized on additional info to ask from terrorist suspects, etc.

(Speckhard) We hope for a follow-on for the RTG 140 as well. Perhaps Valery could join us in that as we have him as a Russian member but he has not been able to come to the NATO RTG meetings.

(Wientjes) There are many interesting questions. In a defence related effort, we should be focused. We need to clearly define the deliverables and that's been lacking in HFM. The problem with this kind of work is that there are few experts in the defence community. Many of the defence institutes are lacking. We need to bring on independent experts, but then their funding is an issue... One thing is important before another effort is documenting the lessons learned and then getting the Nations to commit.

(Jongman) The Nations are not interested in psychological things; they are too focused on the hard issues (type of weapons, etc.).

(Wientjes) There is a genuine interest in NATO on the human aspect. All emphasize that the most important thing is exploring the human aspect.

(McGurk) If they care, an organization spends time and money on that. The US military cares about PTSD.

(Wientjes) If the Nations make a commitment, the national funding is there.

(Krasnov) I have a question about the organizational issues of the advisory panel (begun in 2002). For four years, there were no physical contacts, little activity. There have been many issues regarding social and psychological data – the reason may be that the range of the social and psycho issues is not sufficient for the council. I recommend we think about broadening the range of issues which can be brought to consultation – not only terrorism but also emergency/disaster response. We were talking about social and psychological consequences and now we understand that the state of people to a large extent determines their psychological and physiological health. We need to consider the medical aspects of those people directly related to psychological states of the people considered here. In our communication, we will conclude we need to broaden our topic and then improve and revitalize our collaboration.

(Wientjes) The NATO Russia Advisory Committee was disbanded by NATO in 2005 and turned into a virtual forum. I will propose making a stricter distinction between the military and civil applications of

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this work. My organization is involved in the military side of the house. The Science Department is working in the civil area – environmental, civil response, security. I will speak to Fernando and convey your message to him. Could you write a one page summary for Fernando of what you propose? I'm sure he'll be interested in trying to revitalize the committee and broaden the scope. The Secretary General who made that decision is no longer there.

Thanks for an excellent meeting. The atmosphere is good, cooperative, good discussions and information exchange. It was great to be here. Thanks to all who supported.

(Krasnov) A special thanks to everyone for coming and to the Russian organizers and hosts and to Anne Speckhard for her work on the NATO side.

(Speckhard) Thank you everyone for your participation, your excellent presentations and discussion and your time spent in coming. And thank you so much Dr. Krasnov and Dr. Aleksanin for all your organizational work on the Russian side and to the Institute for hosting us. We had a very productive meeting and enjoyed very much your hospitality. Thanks also to the excellent translators in the booth and to Dr. Wientjes for all his support through NATO in making this collaboration possible. We hope to meet again soon.