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The following Delegates and respective nations participated to the meeting: Austria, Denmark, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and Portugal as auditor in the morning. President: Italy, France, which has an extremely important role considering its use of the Reserve, was absent. The French delegates were contacted via e-mail.

The present Delegates willingly accepted the proposed topic, namely the draw up of a report about "How the Reserve was created in their countries, which are the relations with the Armed Forces and how they cooperate, in particular for NCOs" for *Cooperation and Security*.

I have to admit that, during all these years of work in AESOR, this topic has been addressed several times, but with no relevant results or documents produced: today, everyone knows little about the other countries.

Stephan Haak, who is in Klagenfurt and who presided over this commission in the past, told me that there is a collection of documents regarding the Minutes of the Security Commission, in Austria.

I stated that I would like to see the Minutes of the previous sessions and the documents regarding the adjourned topics, which could be discussed now.

Haak and also the Canadian Delegate Kelly, reminded me that a work agenda, to be presented to their Ministries, is necessary.

Nowadays, more attention is given to the monitoring of costs; therefore their superiors will want to receive detailed reports about the work of the commissions, to pay for the travels.

At the end of the Central Committee held on 20th September, I underlined once more the possibility to propose new topics of discussion, which will be evaluated and put in the agenda.

I wrote to all the members of the Commission, including France, and sent them our addresses, to facilitate contacts.

Italian AESOR Delegate Giancarlo Ronda

