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Ladies and gentlemen of the Committee and Executive Committee of EuroCOP, Dear Colleagues,

As you probably know, since April 10th I am President of the Police Authority of Osnabrueck in Germany. Because of this new official obligation I will soon hand over the office of the federal chairperson of the Gewerkschaft der Polizei (GdP) to a successor. According to the agreement with the GdP I will remain Vice President of EuroCOP till the Autumn EuroCOP Committee Meeting in October 2013 in Prague.

The GdP is fully aware of the fact that with the sudden departure first by Frank Richter and now by me EuroCOP has to deal with new aggravating conditions. We would have liked to avoid these burdens but this was not possible. I have heard from several sources that you cannot understand the astonishment with regard to my nomination as Chief of Police. Therefore, I would like to assure you that on the date of submitting my application for the office of Vice President of EuroCOP neither the GdP nor I as the chairman of the GdP were assure that I would be appointed Police Department Chief of Osnabrueck on April 10th, 2013.

The recent months were challenging for EuroCOP. As the largest member organisation and as well as the founding organisation of EuroCOP we have always recognized the responsibility to formulate a set of new goals and to continuously develop EuroCOP in terms of content and organisation in cooperation with all members of EuroCOP. This we have illustrated

by motions and we also believe that we have made an essential contribution with our active participation in committees to strengthen EuroCOP.

The GdP is proud to be part of EuroCOP. We want to pursue this idea of Europe within the police trade unions. We offer our full and wholehearted support to all members of EuroCOP and especially our President, Anna Nellberg, in order to let EuroCOP rise to a successful organisation. That is why we continue to aim a place in prominent responsibility within EuroCOP.

I wish you all every success in your work and will remain closely bound to the European police trade union movement.

Kind regards



Bernhard Witthaut