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19th International Training Course in Security Policy Evaluation of Mr Dario Quintavalle

Dear Madam,

Mr Dario Quintavalle is a participant in the 19th ITC, held at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy between 4th October 2004 and 27th May 2005. The training objectives of the ITC are to prepare participants for important roles either within their national bureaucracies or international organisations. Participants are evaluated on their performance during the course and on their ability to function on International assignments. The evaluations are based on a set of standards devised by the GCSP. They are not based on, nor do they follow, any national system of evaluation.

General Performance

His general performance was excellent. His training objectives at the outset were to improve his knowledge of English and to deepen his understanding of international security policy with particular emphasis on different national cultures, approaches and interests. He has significant experience in law and international law; however, he began the course with limited background in security policy. He quickly integrated into the class because he is a very friendly person with a good sense of humour. He belonged to those participants who try to see the viewpoint of other countries, and he demonstrated openness to new ideas and expressed his own arguments in a clear and diplomatic manner. He was attentive, and when he intervened, he did so in a serious and well-considered manner. He showed his willingness to achieve his own objectives as well as courteous professionalism in his relationship with the Directing Staff and the wider faculty.

Classroom Performance

His classroom performance was excellent. His presentation on Italian security policy was well-prepared and presented in a competent manner together with his Italian colleague. He was responsible for a Group Seminar that raised the question of "The relationship between international humanitarian law and the laws on human rights". He completed his seminar in an effective manner with very reasonable

results and concluded the week together with his Italian colleague with a very useful written summary. When topics were discussed that related to his professional skills, he was very good. In addition, he was responsible for another Group Seminar. Again, he led his group to great effect. Furthermore, he contributed to a Current Events session and to various Group Seminars successfully.

Leadership and Practical Training Performance

In the exercises, he demonstrated his ability to be *a very good team player*, and his contributions were much appreciated by his syndicates and groups. During the Geneva Games, he played his role as an ambassador to the UN Security Council syndicate in a very professional manner.

Core Seminar Paper

Mr Quintavalle has addressed the following question: "Is There a West?". He chose a difficult topic that comes at the juncture of different politico-philosophical debates. The paper looks at the existence of the West almost 15 years after the end of the Cold War, but primarily deals with the evolution of the concept of the West over the last centuries. The paper is well-written and extremely well-researched. One strength of the paper is its analytical approach, the author displaying a constant will to explore ideas, to challenge them, to think "out of the box". The paper also manages to go far beyond common places on the concept of the West. It was a courageous choice, and the author managed to address it successfully and cleverly. The paper went through a small revision after the excellent presentation and was assessed as "very good", the second highest possible grade for a core seminar paper.

English Language Skills

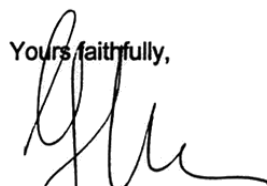
His English is excellent. His ability to express himself concisely and clearly enabled him to make his various points to effect.

Future Potential

Mr Quintavalle has improved much over the course and he *is well suited for international assignments, either representing his country in a diplomatic role or within an International organisation*, in particular in his area of expertise.

The contents of this evaluation have been discussed in detail with Mr Quintavalle.

If you should require further Information, please do not hesitate to contact the ITC Course Director, Dr. Julian Lindley-French, or the ITC Co-Director, Col (GS) Dr Karl-Heinz Rambke (tel: +41 (0)229061600)

Yours faithfully,


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