

**Joint meeting of SECI Center Task Force on Stolen Vehicles  
and Stability Pact Regional Conference on Stolen Vehicles  
27/28 of March, 2006,  
Bled, Slovenia**

**Conclusions**

**a. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of SECI Center Task Force on Stolen Vehicles**

1. There is the option to continue with Road Show type operations:
  - a. Regional operation Road Show IV – in which we will try to include all SECI Center member countries (on voluntary basis)
  - b. Two regional operations in which the countries should be split as follows:
    - Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova and Turkey
    - Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Greece

Hungary should prepare the regional Action Plan for the operation and send to the SECI Center. The SECI center will disseminate it to countries until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.
2. During the investigation of the cases of trafficking of stolen vehicles, the countries should inform the SECI Center about the international extension and connections of the criminal networks. The SECI Center shall then propose specific measures and support the countries to investigate the cases in coordination with other countries.
3. In order to keep update with the latest trends in trafficking of stolen vehicles in SEE, the countries should annually, by the end of February, send to the SECI Center statistical information on the international stolen vehicle trafficking situation in their territories, based on a SECI Center standard format. A SEE Regional Report on International Trafficking in Stolen Vehicles will then be published by the SECI Center every year by April. By May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, the SECI Center will send to the countries the indicators and the standard form for the national report.
4. The representative of the South Eastern Europe Police Chief Association (SEPCA) pledged the support of the Chiefs of Police for

SECI operations against Stolen Vehicles and for increased cooperation between national police forces in this respect.

**b. 3<sup>rd</sup> Stability Pact Regional Conference on Stolen Vehicles in SEE**

5. The conference was attended by delegations from all Stability Pact member countries in South Eastern Europe, except for Albania and Moldova. In addition, delegations participated from Greece, Hungary, Slovenia, Turkey, as well as from Austria, Italy, Norway and Spain and, from Interpol, Europol, EUPM, OSCE, PAMECA, SEPCA, SECI Center, SPOC Secretariat and the Dutch Public Private Foundation for Tackling Vehicle Crime, the German Insurance Association, Romanian Automotive Register and Metalelektro Hungary
6. Delegations agreed to share national Plans of Action (PoA) to combat Stolen Vehicle crime, where these have been completed in accordance with the conclusions of the first Regional Meeting. All delegations agreed to send such plans or relevant other materials to the Stability Pact office in Brussels, before April 7.\* The commitment of all Stability Pact member countries in SEE, agreed to at the first regional conference, was reconfirmed, namely to develop a comprehensive national strategy to combat Stolen Vehicle Crime, covering legislation, advanced administrative procedures, adequate national coordination mechanisms, training, and the introduction and use of modern technical and information systems.
7. Further efforts should be made to upgrade national SECI member countries legislation, to improve SEE Government's capacities to fight stolen vehicle crime and also to improve cooperation at regional level. In this regard, the Stability Pact and SPOC Secretariat, in cooperation with the SECI Center, will develop a questionnaire to collect all information related to relevant legislation. On the basis of answers received, the SPOC Secretariat will establish an overview of gaps and assistance needed to bring SECI member countries, legislation in line with European approaches and practices. Subsequently, SPOC will provide legal assistance and facilitate expert assistance, including from the European Commission, at the request of Governments.
8. Further efforts are also needed to establish in SECI member countries strong and safe car registration systems, including reliable and secured registration procedures. Some SECI member countries are already

having such a system in place and they are prepared to share their experience in this respect with other member countries.

9. Further efforts should be made nationally, and with the assistance of regional and international partners, to upgrade the professional qualifications of law enforcement personnel both at borders and elsewhere within the SECI member countries.
10. Further efforts should be made to make cooperation in fighting Stolen Vehicle crime between police, border police, customs and registration authorities on the one hand and the justice system on the other hand much more effective.
11. SECI member countries should make far better use of available technical and data system related instruments to protect vehicles against theft. These new techniques are bringing an effective fight against Stolen Vehicle crime within the reach of all SECI Center member Governments. The Stability Pact together with Interpol and bilateral donors currently are facilitating the introduction of the I-24/7 system at main border checking points in SEE. But many other new and cost effective technical means are available for early introduction.

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