



RESOLUTION
BY THE EURO COP COMMITTEE

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DENOUNCES THE SITUATION OF THE SPANISH GUARDIA CIVIL
DUE TO THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
ASOCIACIÓN UNIFICADA DE GUARDIAS CIVILES, AUGC

DECLARES ITS
SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT

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12/13 March 2007

1. The EuroCOP Committee has always been concerned by the situation of the Spanish Guardias Civiles as policemen who carry out the functions of a Police Service, but who have to maintain a military status which deprives them from their full professional and labour rights.
2. Representing the whole EuroCOP, its president, Heinz Kiefer, attended the AUGC Congress held in Madrid on 22nd of January 2004, showing thereby his firm support to the Guardias Civiles and the work of AUGC. This visit was the first of a series of EuroCOP actions in support of AUGC.
3. The EuroCOP Committee in its Barcelona meeting on 15th and 16th of November 2004 approved a resolution declaring its solidarity and its support to the AUGC.
4. In Brussels on 13th and 14th of March 2006, the Committee approved another resolution reiterating their support of AUGC.
5. On the 19th of April 2006, the Executive Committee of EuroCOP published a Press Release supporting the protest demonstration convened by AUGC in the Plaza Mayor of Madrid on 22nd April 2006. Several member organizations of EuroCOP participated actively in this protest.
6. All this goes to prove that AUGC, being an active and dynamic member of EuroCOP within FESPOL, considers EuroCOP an efficient tool to find solutions to unjust situations for the policemen.

7. However, the Spanish Government has ignored the AUGC petitions, the EuroCOP resolutions, has even ignored its own electoral program. That is why AUGC convened again at the Plaza Mayor of Madrid for the 20th January 2007 a new protest demonstration like the one on 22 April 2006, but with a difference, namely, that in this case about 3000 agents came dressed in their uniform without arms together with some 13.000 citizens of which some were agents in civil dress, and others family members as well as members of other organisations and friendly trade unions.
8. As a consequence of this protest, which had wide echo in public opinion and in the media, the Government announced that they would implement their electoral program but at the same time charged 20 leaders of AUGC including its Secretary General, Joan Miquel Perpinyá and the whole National AUGC Board plus 12 regional leaders, all of them suspended of duty for three months.
9. EuroCOP deems that the Guardias Civiles must be heard and their arguments taken seriously by the Spanish Government who in the last resort are the ones responsible for what happened on 20th January in Madrid. More than once AUGC as well as EuroCOP have decried this situation and it was to be expected that in the absence of concrete measures and fruitful negotiations, the Guardias Civiles would take to the street as they have done with a lot of courage to defend their fundamental constitutional rights that all the police service in Spain have been enjoying for more than 25 years.
10. EuroCOP calls on the Spanish Government to urgently fulfil their electoral programme without any further ado and to withdraw all disciplinary proceedings against the representatives of 25.000 agents of the Guardia Civil, since that kind of sanctions would not solve anything and can only worsen the situation and have unforeseeable consequences.
11. EuroCOP will submit this resolution to the European Commission and the European Parliament so that those two institutions can deal with this issue.