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EuroCOP continues to hope for De-Escalation in Conflict between Interior Ministry and Police Union in Slovakia

Extraordinary EuroCOP Conference to take place in Bratislava on 3rd December

'We continue to hope for a conciliatory sign from the Interior Ministry,' says EuroCOP President Heinz KIEFER ahead of the extraordinary EuroCOP conference in Bratislava.

Following the dramatic turn of events in Slovakia since the demonstration of 3,000 police officers on 25 October EuroCOP Member Organisations have decided to arrange an extraordinary conference in Bratislava as a visible sign of their support for the Police Union in Slovakia.

EuroCOP already expects more than 60 representatives of Police Unions and Staff Associations from all over Europe to participate in the event in Bratislava in order to reaffirm their position laid down in the resolution adopted by the Autumn EuroCOP Committee in London on 3 November. With that resolution EuroCOP Member Organisations, in particular, criticised the threatening of police union representatives with disciplinary consequences.

In the meantime EuroCOP President Heinz Kiefer is trying to agree a meeting with Interior Minister Vladimir Palko. 'I deeply regret that our offer to sit down and talk has not been accepted so far. At the same time I remain convinced that the differences between the Interior Ministry and the Police Union can only be resolved in a responsible way through negotiations,' says Mr Kiefer who will already be in Bratislava ahead of the conference from 2 December for talks with political representatives.

The Conference Programme for 3 December will be available on www.eurocop-police.org within the next few days.

The event will conclude at 12:30 with a Press Conference

Journalists wishing to attend the Conference and/or the Press Conference are kindly asked to register with the appropriate form, also available soon at www.eurocop-police.org

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