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## Second European Summit on Private Security

December 8, 2009 | Berns Salongers | Stockholm, Sweden

### Personal and official invitation

Dear Madam/Sir,

CoESS, the Confederation of European Security Services, and ALMEGA, the Swedish Private Security Association, in collaboration with the Swedish Transport Workers' Union, are proud to announce the launch of the **Second European Summit on Private Security** that will take place on **Tuesday, December 8, 2009** at Hotel Berns Salongers in **Stockholm, Sweden**.

This edition is a sequel to the First European Summit on Private Security that was organised by CoESS and INHES, Institut National des Hautes Etudes de Sécurité, in December 2008 in Paris, France, under the auspices of the French Presidency of the European Union.

The Second Summit will bring together stakeholders from all European countries, including the 27 EU Member States, active in the field of private and public security. CoESS and ALMEGA are honoured to welcome a representative of the **Swedish Presidency of the European Union, Beatrice Ask**, Swedish Minister of Justice, who will deliver the keynote speech on a Nordic Model of public-private security partnership.

The Summit has a double ambition. On the one hand, it will discuss public-private security partnerships from a Nordic perspective. On the other, it will offer the ideal platform to broaden CoESS' Awareness-Raising Campaign advocating a more coherent, global and integrated approach towards private security in the European Union.

A debate will be organised to discuss the future of the private security sector focusing on a variety of themes: harmonisation of legislation, models of cooperation, quality of services and new security services all set against a challenging economic backdrop. Through these discussions, CoESS, ALMEGA and their representatives wish to highlight the key role and growing importance of private security both at European and at national level, not only quality- and quantity-wise, but also increasingly in the public domain.

On the occasion of this event, CoESS and ALMEGA will present an updated version of the joint White Paper that was first published in December 2008 ('Private Security and its Role in European Security'). The 2009 edition, entitled '**Private and public security in the Nordic countries**', will consist of two parts. Part I will comprise an update of the European private security landscape and Part II will focus on private and public security from a Nordic perspective.



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We would be highly honoured if you would be available to participate in this event! We are certain that the topics tabled are of the greatest interest to you.

Enclosed, please find the following documents:

- Conference programme
- Registration form
- Meeting venue details

Please be so kind as to confirm your participation to this Summit to Ms. Patricia D'Espeels (via e-mail: [secretariat@i-b-s.be](mailto:secretariat@i-b-s.be) or fax: +32 2 460 14 31) at your earliest convenience and latest by **November 27, 2009**. Thank you in advance. Participation in the Summit is free of charge. However, please note that travel and hotel accommodation expenses remain the responsibility of individual participants.

We look forward to welcoming you to this exclusive event!

Should you have any queries and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kindest regards,

Marc Pissens  
President of CoESS

Lars O Molin  
President of ALMEGA Private Security



**CoESS**, the Confederation of European Security Services, is the European umbrella organisation for some 30 national private security companies' associations. It was founded in 1989. CoESS represents 21 EU Member States and a total of 28 countries, which translates into some 50,000 private security companies employing a total of approximately 1.7 million private security guards. CoESS' core objective is to defend and represent the joint interests of its national member federations and of their member companies, both at European and at international level, in particular through its involvement in the work aimed at harmonising national private security legislation and regulations. For further information, please consult: [www.coess.eu](http://www.coess.eu).



**ALMEGA** is the Swedish private security association, active member of CoESS. ALMEGA represents 250 private security companies in Sweden, which translates into some 12,000 private security guards. For further information, please consult: [www.almega.se](http://www.almega.se).