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Dear colleagues and friends,

to my great regret, I am unable to take part in the yearly IKD meeting this time around; as previously announced, I am about to finish off my consulting work at the Italian Ministry of the Interior, helping to shape up the legislative framework for investigating activities in this country. This work will take about another ten days to be completed, and I will keep you posted about the final results.

We are confident that many of our requests will be fulfilled, making it somewhat harder to access this profession, just as I have been debating for in the last five years. I have to add that the exchange of opinions among IKD commission members about minimum European standards has been extremely useful with regard to defining a national legislation; for this, my most heartfelt gratitude goes to the Colleagues that have been part of said commission.

Also, with regard to my stint as a consultant to the Ministry and as an IKD Commission member, I'd like to take the opportunity to stress the importance to take part in the IKD association, as it enables a very direct and practical exchange of opinions and experiences. Moreover, I would like to underscore the importance of conveying to national institutions the idea that private investigators, as a professional category, are united with the same organizational purposes, at least on a European level.

For these reasons, once again, I would like to express my appreciation of all the ground that IKD and its representatives have been covering together.



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As to the Italian association of private investigators, Federpol, it has been holding its internal elections on march the 10th, 2007; I have not been renewing my candidacy as president in view of the work at the Ministry. On that occasion, the colleague Genuario Pellegrino has been elected National President, and has appointed his Executive Committee. Most members of this committee have regretfully resigned from their positions about three weeks ago; to date, I have not received any communication about the members of the new Executive Committee.

Thus, I have not been able to report to IKD about the current Federpol situation. In addition, since I have so far not been formally appointed in charge of Federpol's international relations, I have to stress that I am communicating on a strictly personal level at this time, by virtue of the sense of duty and mutual esteem established in the past years of working together with you.

I would like to wrap this up by wishing all you members a fruitful meeting, and reminding, once again, how important it is to have a supranational association such as IKD, to unite all the national associations' efforts into a common regulation that our category, as a whole, cannot but profit from.

Should you consider it useful, I will be happy to report on the details of the new Italian regulation as soon as it is completed. As usual, I remain at your service for any further information; finally, let me renew my warmest greeting to the organisation of this meeting, and to all its guests and Colleagues.

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