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Dear Members,

## **EXECUTIVE DISPATCH 2/18**

As I declared at the recent AGM, it is my intention to improve communications between RUSI members and the Executive they have elected to steer the organisation. As a first step, I have decided to initiate *Executive Dispatches* to keep members apprised of the Executive's work. This is the second such Dispatch.

The Executive Committee met for four hours on Tuesday, 2 October 2018. The principal reason for this meeting was to prepare the President for attendance at the RUSI national conference. The key results of that session are as follows:

- The Executive Committee authorised the President to represent RUSIQ in accordance with our organisation's direction and objectives.
- The Executive agreed there were no concerns regarding RUSI national's proposed office bearers and nominations for Directorships. However, we expressed concern about the viability of RUSI national as there were no nominations for the position of President. The RUSIQ President will convey these concerns to the national conference.

Other RUSIQ-specific matters considered by the Executive included:

- We agreed that RUSIQ should work towards providing public commentary on selected issues related to defence and national security. An example would be a communique on the results of our seminars.
- The activities of RUSIQ special interest groups need to be authorised and managed by the Executive to ensure proper governance, compliance and accountabilities are in place.
- The October (MAJGEN Steve Porter) and November (QLD government Defence Advocates) lectures are confirmed. Venues may vary and are to be confirmed.
- Access pass allocation is a matter for RUSI national to resolve. However, the Executive agreed that members should be informed that there is no automatic entitlement to Defence passes. The limit on pass issue is contained in the License Agreement between RUSI and Defence that covers the type and amount of in-kind support that Defence can reasonably justify. The amount of passes also reflects access controls that are necessary under the current heightened SAFEbase CHARLIE provisions.
- The Executive noted feedback from LT Anna Thomas who attended with her Troop members at the September lecture. She complimented the relevance of the lecture and expressed support for a

more future-oriented approach to RUSIQ's events in order to attract participation from others in her demographic.

- There is a need to focus RUSIQ effort on building membership as a high priority. Suggestions from the existing membership on how to achieve this will be welcomed.

Thank you for your ongoing contributions to RUSIQ in the interests of defence and national security.

Peter Mapp  
President