**TALKING POINTS**

**Letter / Email campaign to EU Parliament regarding the most ridiculous points of the EU Commission Firearms Directive, 2016**

1. **Conversion firearms (full auto to semi-auto) / reactivation**

The standards ALREADY IN USE TODAY ensure that there is no easy way to re-convert firearms back to full automatic mode once they have been converted to semi-automatic fire. According to ALAIN ALEXIS (European Commission) “the majority of converted semi-automatic rifles come from Israeli Army surplus” – why not just STOP IMPORTING THEM THEN?

1. **Changing firearm category based on what magazine is inserted**.

This is ludicrous – it’s akin to having to change your car registration every time you switch from summer to winter tyres.

The proposed “exemption for sport shooters and collectors” makes even less sense, given that the clear majority of legal firearms owners falls into these two categories. Why pass any law at all to subsequently exempt 95% of the affected part of the population?

1. **Magazine capacity limitations**

The amount of “high capacity magazines” currently in circulation is completely unknown as they have never been (and are, due to interchangeable parts like floor plate, spring, etc, next to impossible to be) tracked / marked. Also, what should the conversion standard be? What if a magazine, because of a worn-out spring, suddenly can hold 21 instead of 20 rounds?

In addition, the draconian measures proposed by the EC (LOSING YOUR FIREARMS PERMIT if you own a 30 rounds magazine) is just absurd.

Magazines of any kind DON’T WEAR OUT OVER TIME and can also EASILY BE 3D-PRINTED (incl. springs).

1. **Compulsory (repeated) medical and psychological evaluations of legal firearms owners**There is ABSOLUTELY NO REASON to enforce such medical / psychological checks on law-abiding firearms owners, this is FAR-REACHING STATE-SANCTIONED DISCRIMINATION. In addition, no one ever requested regular medical / psychological checks for drivers after the Nice massacre or for axe / machete owners after the Germany attacks.
2. **Swiss exit from Schengen area**

The Swiss (the country with the highest firearm density in Europe, there is AT LEAST ONE (full-automatic) ASSAULT RIFLE PER FAMILY), have already made it abundantly clear that they will NOT ACCEPT ANY FURTHER RESTRICTIONS - and are seriously contemplating a referendum to leave the Schengen area to not be affected by any part of the EU Commission's Directive. In addition, they also have ONE OF THE LOWEST HOMICIDE RATES IN ALL OF EUROPE.

1. **EU Commission’s distorted view of reality and future voting behavior**

The EC has NOT ONCE SHOWN ANY CONNECTION between legal firearms owners and crime / terrorism. Quite simply BECAUSE THERE IS NONE. Most illegal automatic weapons are smuggled in from the Balkans, as proven by a French TV station some years ago.

Voters MOST DEFINITELY WILL REMEMBER WHO PROTECTED THEIR RIGHTS next time in the election booth. IF THIS DIRECTIVE IS PASSED IN ANY WAY, affected voters will likely turn to ANTI-EU PARTIES out of frustration – a EUROPEAN TRUMP EFFECT is a very real possibility.