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NOTE

From :	Secretariat
To :	Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management (CIVCOM)
Subject :	Draft CIVCOM advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Strategy Paper on consolidation of Mission's objectives

Following the CIVCOM meeting of 8 June, delegations will find enclosed a draft advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Strategy Paper on consolidation of Mission's objectives, as transmitted by the Civilian Operations Commander.

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Draft CIVCOM Advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Strategy Paper on consolidation of Mission's objectives

1. On 8 May 2009, the Political and Security Committee discussed a Joint Commission Services/ Council Secretariat Paper on EU engagement in Pakistan and Afghanistan (doc. 9620/09) and tasked CIVCOM to further discuss it.
2. In its meeting of 8 June CIVCOM received a presentation by CPCC Head of Operations, Ken Deane, and had a preliminary discussion on EUPOL AFGHANISTAN strategy paper on consolidation of mission objectives.
3. In its meeting of 10 June 2009 CIVCOM has agreed on the following advice.

Considerations

4. CIVCOM underlined its continuous support for the work of EUPOL AFGHANISTAN and reiterated its appreciation for the Head of Mission and the commitment of the Mission's personnel in an extremely difficult working environment.
5. CIVCOM welcomed the strategy paper prepared by the Head of Mission and the identification of strategic priorities for the Mission.
6. CIVCOM supported the six priorities identified by the Head of Mission for refocusing the Mission's activities and underlined their coherence with the Mission's OPLAN, the Mission's specific expertise in civilian policing and rule of law and the Afghan government's priorities.
7. In this context, CIVCOM welcomed the proposals of the Head of Mission concerning the rule of law - related objectives and supporting activities of EUPOL.

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8. CIVCOM outlined the complementarity between EUPOL AFGHANISTAN and the upcoming NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan (NTM-A) and stress the need to avoid duplication of efforts, making the best use of the existing coordination mechanisms, in particular the International Police Coordination Board (IPCB).
9. CIVCOM welcomed the Mission's effort to strengthen a comprehensive plan for ensuring coherence of action between the Mission headquarters and its provincial and regional teams.
10. CIVCOM underlined the need for the Mission to play a greater role in coordinating the different initiatives related to police reform and training.
11. CIVCOM recognized the potential usefulness of a Project Cell for the Mission and therefore recommended that the HoM makes a detailed proposal on a Project Cell in the next Six Monthly Report.

Recommendations

12. CIVCOM recommended
 - that the Head of Mission focuses on his proposed priorities for the implementation of the Mission's mandate ;
 - that the Head of Mission makes a detailed proposal on a Project Cell in the next Six Monthly Report.
13. CIVCOM invites the PSC to take note of this advice on the Mission's Strategy Paper on consolidation of Mission activities and to endorse its recommendations.
