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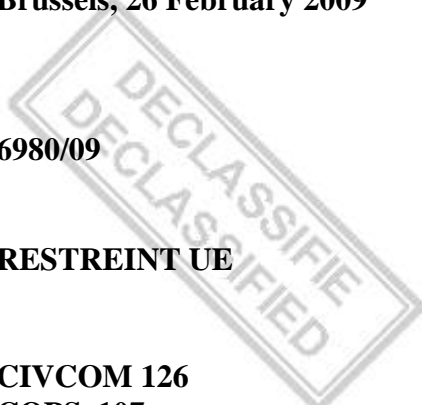
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NOTE

From : Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management (CIVCOM)

To : Political and Security Committee

Subject : CIVCOM advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Six-Monthly Report June to
December 2008

In view of the meeting of the Political and Security Committee, delegations will find attached the CIVCOM Advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Six-Monthly Report (doc. 6077/09), as agreed by CIVCOM on 26 February 2009 through silence procedure.

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CIVCOM Advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Six-Monthly Report

1. On 10 February 2009 PSC tasked CIVCOM to provide an advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN 6-Monthly Review Report covering the period 16 June to 15 December 2008.
2. In its meeting of 11 February CIVCOM received a presentation by the Head of Mission, Kai Vittrup, and had a discussion on EUPOL AFGHANISTAN.
3. On 26 February 2009 CIVCOM has agreed on the following advice through silence procedure.

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 concise Six-Monthly Review Report and appreciated the clear progress assessments made in it. CIVCOM was of the opinion that precise forward planning and a benchmarking system are advantageous and encouraged the Mission to further develop these mechanisms.
6. CIVCOM discussed the challenges of the coming months especially against the backdrop of the upcoming presidential elections and agreed that further progress in the reform of the Afghan police continues to be an urgent priority.
7. CIVCOM supported the priorities identified by the Head of Mission for the next months.
8. CIVCOM took note of the progress made in the deployment to Provincial Reconstruction Teams and agreed that full deployment of EUPOL staff to the Provincial and Regional Teams remains a high priority. The linkage between EUPOL headquarters and the implementation in the regions and provinces remains important.

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9. CIVCOM welcomed in this context the proposal of the Head of Mission to deploy EUPOL personnel to the US-led Regional Command East (US led PRT in Laghman). CIVCOM underlined that prior to a permanent deployment to the PRT in Laghman an appropriate technical arrangement or an equivalent needs to be agreed with the US.
10. CIVCOM recalled the discussions held with the Afghan Minister of the Interior at PSC during his visit to Brussels in December 2008 and emphasised the necessity for continued operational support for priorities such as the fight against corruption, strengthening the Kabul City Police and developing intelligence-led policing.
11. CIVCOM highlighted that effective border management is a prerequisite for security in Afghanistan and welcomed EUPOL support for the Afghan Border Police, especially at the international airports in Kabul and Herat.
12. CIVCOM stressed in this context also the importance of EUPOL contributions to the Focused District Development, mainly through Train-the-Trainers and mentoring programmes, in order to swiftly enhance Afghan-owned training capacities.
13. CIVCOM discussed and supported the recommendation of the Head of Mission regarding the revision of the Mission's structure and stressed that EUPOL is a police mission with linkages to the wider Rule of Law. In this context, CIVCOM also welcomed the proposals of the Head of Mission concerning the rule of law - related activities of EUPOL.
14. CIVCOM invited the Head of Mission, when conditions allow, to make a proposal on the possible need for increasing the Mission's capacity in terms of projects management (project cell).
15. CIVCOM took note of the critical staffing situation of the Mission and was of the opinion that insufficient personnel levels will mean that the Mission can not deliver on all of its tasks and may have to focus in the coming months on some of its priorities. CIVCOM emphasised the crucial importance of staffing for the credibility of the Mission and the European commitment to Afghanistan.

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Recommendations

16. CIVCOM recommended
- that the Head of Mission follows his proposed priorities for the coming six months;
 - that the Mission structure be revised and the OPLAN be modified accordingly, as outlined in the Six-Monthly Report;
 - that EUPOL personnel be further deployed to Eastern Afghanistan, once the OPLAN has been modified accordingly and an appropriate technical arrangement or an equivalent agreed with the US;
 - that the staffing situation of the Mission continues to be addressed without delay.
17. CIVCOM invites the PSC to take note of this advice on the Six-Monthly Report and to endorse its recommendations.
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