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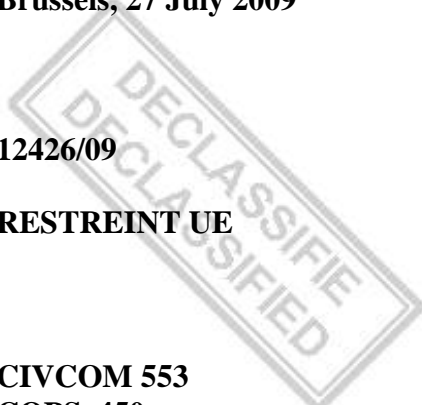
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## **NOTE**

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From : Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management  
To : Political and Security Committee

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In view of the meeting of the Political and Security Committee, delegations will find enclosed a CivCom advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Six-Monthly Review Report (doc.12047/1/09), as agreed by CIVCOM on 27 July 2009.

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## CIVCOM Advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Six-Monthly Report

1. On 17 July 2009 PSC tasked CIVCOM to provide an advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN 6-Monthly Review Report covering the period 16 December 2008 to 15 June 2009.
2. In its meeting of 20 July CIVCOM received a presentation by the General Secretariat of the Council (GSC) and the Deputy HoM, Karin Mueller, and had a discussion on EUPOL AFGHANISTAN six monthly report.
3. In its meetings of 22 and 27 July, CIVCOM has agreed on the following advice.

### Considerations

4. CIVCOM underlined its continuous support for the work of EUPOL AFGHANISTAN and welcomed the progress made by the Mission over the last six months.
5. CIVCOM reiterated its backing for the six consolidated strategic objectives, supported by tactical activities and encouraged the Mission in its efforts to implement these objectives in the regions and provinces where EUPOL AFGHANISTAN is present.
6. CIVCOM welcomed the concise Six-Monthly Review Report and appreciated the thorough assessments, particularly in the Lessons Learned Annex.
7. Following the CIVCOM advice on the last six-monthly report and CIVCOM advice on EUPOL AFGHANISTAN paper on the six consolidated strategic objectives, CIVCOM supported the establishment of a project cell for EUPOL AFGHANISTAN in order to enhance the impact of Mission activities.
8. CIVCOM recalled that the scope of the project cell should be limited to small scale projects to be carried out within the mandate of EUPOL Afghanistan. CIVCOM underlined that the project cell, while interacting with other relevant actors, will play a complementary role in

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the structure and functioning of the Mission and should be considered as a secondary task. CIVCOM noted that RELEX counselors are to look into the financial implications of such a project cell.

9. CIVCOM took note of the progress made in the deployment to Provincial Reconstruction Teams and welcomed the efforts made by the HoM to reinforce the linkages between EUPOL HQ and the Regional and Provincial teams.
10. CIVCOM also took note of the successful efforts made by EUPOL AFGHANISTAN for restructuring and consolidating the International Police Coordination Board (IPCB) and of IPCB's enhanced role as the main coordination body in the area of police reform in Afghanistan.
11. CIVCOM stressed that bilateral and other initiatives from Member States and international actors in the field of policing and the wider rule of law, including the upcoming NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan (NTM-A) and its European Gendarmerie Force component, are complementary and supportive to EUPOL AFGHANISTAN efforts with regards to the reform of the Police sector in Afghanistan. CIVCOM also stressed the importance of coordinating those initiatives through the IPCB.
12. CIVCOM discussed and took note of the critical staffing situation of the Mission and was of the opinion that solutions have to be found rapidly in order for the Mission to match its current level of ambition, mindful of the Presidency Conclusions of the Brussels European Council (18/19 June 2009), CIVCOM encouraged GSC and the Mission to call for a force generation conference and to explore creative and exceptional solutions including, as a last resort, contracting personnel on a case by case basis, as well as other means.
13. CIVCOM welcomed the current activities carried out by the Mission and GSC to thoroughly assess the needs and current limitations in the PRTs in terms of accommodation, logistics and security, and to propose innovative solutions to close the gap between stated ambitions and resources allocated. CIVCOM expects to receive a presentation of these findings at the end of September 2009.

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## Recommendations

14. CIVCOM recommended that
- the Head of Mission follows his proposed six consolidated priorities for the coming six months;
  - the Mission establishes a project cell limited to small scale projects to be carried out within the mandate of EUPOL AFGHANISTAN.
  - EUPOL AFGHANISTAN, together with GSC, thoroughly assesses logistical and security needs for EUPOL staff in the PRTs/RCs. The results of this assessment will be presented to the PSC and not later than by the end of September 2009, together with recommendations on how to solve these logistical and security shortfalls;
  - the Mission proposes an adapted deployment plan reflecting the six prioritized objectives, according to the findings of the above-mentioned assessment;
  - the issue of staffing continues to be addressed without delays and that GSC presents proposals to remedy this issue;
  - all efforts be pursued in order to get a SOMA in place.
15. CIVCOM invites the PSC to take note of this advice on the Six-Monthly Report and to endorse its recommendations.
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