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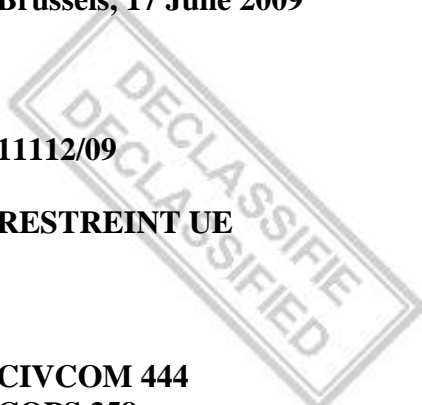
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NOTE

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

To : Political and Security Committee (PSC)

Subject : CIVCOM advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Strategy Paper on consolidation of Mission's objectives

In view of PSC meeting on 23 June 2009, delegations will find enclosed a CIVCOM advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Strategy Paper on consolidation of Mission's objectives.

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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 discuss further engagement on the basis of a document to be prepared by the Secretariat in close coordination with the EUPOL Head of Mission.
2. In its meeting of 8 June CIVCOM received a presentation by the CPCC Head of Operations, Ken Deane, and had a preliminary discussion on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN strategy paper on consolidation of mission objectives (doc. 10680/09 RESTREINT UE)).
3. In its meeting of 10 June 2009, CIVCOM discussed the content and on 15 June agreed on the following advice.

Considerations

4. CIVCOM underlined its continuous support for the work of EUPOL AFGHANISTAN and reiterated its appreciation for the commitment of the Head of Mission and 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 objectives for the Mission.
6. Taking into account the multiplicity of actors involved in police reform in Afghanistan, the strategic priorities put forward by the Afghan government and the Mission's limited human resources, CIVCOM acknowledged the need for the Mission to streamline its activities focusing on a number of areas where the Mission can provided added value.

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7. CIVCOM supported the six objectives identified by the Head of Mission for refocusing the Mission's activities and noted 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.
8. In this context, CIVCOM welcomed the proposals of the Head of Mission concerning the police and rule of law - related objectives (Police Command Control and Communications, Intelligence-led policing, Criminal Investigation ; Anti-corruption, Link Police-Prosecutor, Human Rights and Gender) and supporting activities of EUPOL (a.o. election training, Kabul City Project and Kabul City Security, Border Police).
9. CIVCOM underlined the need for the Mission to pursue its engagement in other activities linked to its strategic objectives, such as supporting the Afghan Border Police and providing complementary measures to Focused District Development at the provincial level within the described priorities.
10. CIVCOM underlined the importance to build synergies between EUPOL AFGHANISTAN and the upcoming NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan (NTM-A) and stressed the need to ensure mutual reinforcement, making the best use of the existing coordination mechanisms, in particular the International Police Coordination Board (IPCB). In this regard, CIVCOM underlined the need for the Mission to continue to play an active role within these mechanisms.
11. CIVCOM welcomed the Mission's efforts to strengthen a comprehensive plan for ensuring coherence of action between the Mission headquarters and its provincial and regional teams.
12. Although not covered in EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Strategy Paper on consolidation of Mission's objectives, CIVCOM recalled its invitation to the Head of Mission to make a proposal on the possible need for increasing the Mission's capacity in terms of projects management (project cell) and invited the Head of Mission to present this proposal in the next Mission's Six Monthly Report.

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Recommendations

13. CIVCOM recommended
 - that the Head of Mission focuses on his proposed objectives for the implementation of the Mission's mandate and continues to actively engage the Mission in the existing coordination mechanisms for the different initiatives related to police reform and training ;
 - that the Head of Mission makes a detailed assessment on the need for a Project Cell and a possible proposal on it in the next Mission's Six Monthly Report.

 14. CIVCOM invites the PSC to take note of this advice on the Mission's Strategy Paper on consolidation of the Mission's strategic objectives and to endorse its recommendations.
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