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NOTE

From : Secretariat
To : Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management (CIVCOM)
Subject : Draft CIVCOM advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Six-Monthly Report
(June 2009 - December 2009)

Following the CIVCOM meeting of 15 February 2010, delegations will find enclosed a draft advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Six-Monthly Review Report, as transmitted by the Civilian Operations Commander, covering the period 16 June 2009 to 15 December 2009.

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Draft CIVCOM Advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Six-Monthly Report

1. On 12 February 2010 PSC tasked CIVCOM to provide an advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN 6-Monthly Review Report covering the period 16 June 2009 to 15 December 2009.
2. In its meeting of 15 February, CIVCOM had a discussion with the Head of Mission Kai Vittrup and CPCC on EUPOL AFGHANISTAN six monthly report.

Considerations

3. CIVCOM commended the six-monthly report and welcomed the progress made by EUPOL AFGHANISTAN over the last six months. CIVCOM reiterated its support for the work of the Mission.
4. CIVCOM noted with satisfaction that the Afghan National Police Strategy is being finalised by the Afghan Government, which demonstrates increased Afghan ownership of the reform process. CIVCOM encouraged EUPOL to support this Strategy particularly by assisting the Afghan Ministry of Interior to reform the Civilian Police and Anti-Crime Police pillars, while retaining its focus on the implementation of the six strategic objectives.
5. CIVCOM discussed the possible extension of the Mission mandate after 30 May 2010 and was in favour of an extension of three years, keeping in mind the long-term commitment of the European Union to contribute to the establishment of sustainable police institutions in Afghanistan.
6. CIVCOM commended the good cooperation of EUPOL with the recently established NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan (NTM-A) and the enhanced role of the International Police Coordination Board in strengthening the consistency of activities in support of Police reform in Afghanistan.
7. CIVCOM recalled the *Plan for securing EUPOL Afghanistan Logistical Capacities outside*

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Kabul and the ensuing *technical conference* of 10 November 2009 and took note of the persisting staffing and logistical shortfalls for EUPOL teams in many Regional Centres and Provincial Reconstruction Teams.

8. CIVCOM noted with concern the negative impact of these shortfalls on the implementation of EUPOL mandate countrywide. CIVCOM supported in this regard the proposal of the Head of Mission to focus activities and efforts in those provinces where enabling capacities are in place. In view of a revision of the planning documents, CIVCOM asked for more detailed information on this geographical refocusing.
9. CIVCOM also took note of the need for the Mission to engage at district level in order to implement aspects of its mandate and to closely cooperate with other actors like NTM-A, especially in relation to the City Police Projects. CIVCOM was in favour of adapting the mandate accordingly, but asked for more details on the impact of this engagement on security arrangements and on the Mission deployment plan before the revision of the planning documents.
10. CIVCOM acknowledged the difficulties linked to the lack of flexibility for the Head of Mission to deploy staff outside Kabul according to operational needs. CIVCOM encouraged Member States to look into their national caveats in order to allow for more flexibility in the deployment of seconded personnel outside Kabul.
11. CIVCOM reiterated the need for a Status of Mission Agreement (SoMA) and asked the Secretariat and the Delegation of the European Union in Kabul to make further efforts to reach an agreement with the Afghan authorities of this matter.
12. CIVCOM supported the intention of the Civilian Operations Commander to maximise synergies between EUPOL and the Commission in theatre, especially in support of Police training.
13. CIVCOM is of the opinion that the persistence of negative rhetoric about the Mission does not reflect the improved results and enhanced impact of EUPOL on the ground. CIVCOM called on the Mission and the Secretariat to increase efforts in the promotion of EUPOL's image.

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Recommendations

14. CIVCOM recommended
- that EUPOL AFGHANISTAN be extended for 3 years after 30 May 2010 in order to continue fulfilling its mandate;
 - that the planning documents and joint action be revised accordingly;
 - that the Mission positively responds to the Afghan Minister of Interior's request that EUPOL supports the reform the Civilian Police and Anti-Crime Police pillars, while retaining its focus on the implementation of the six strategic objectives.
 - that EUPOL AFGHANISTAN, together with CPCC, based on the assessment of logistical and security shortfalls for EUPOL staff in the PRTs/RCs, prepares a proposal for the geographical refocusing of Mission activities outside Kabul;
 - that EUPOL engages on district level when it is deemed necessary for the implementation of its mandate, notably in relation to the City Police Projects.
 - that further efforts be pursued in order to reach an agreement on a SoMA for EUPOL AFGHANISTAN.
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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