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NOTE

From: Committee for civilian aspects of crisis management (CivCom)
To: Political and Security Committee (PSC)
Subject: Civcom Advice on Lessons from the EU Civilian-Military Supporting Action to the African Union Mission in the Darfur region of Sudan (AMIS) and recommended action (9092/08).

Further to the orientation discussion CivCom on 15 May, delegations will find attached a Civcom advice on Lessons from the EU Civilian-Military Supporting Action to the African Union Mission in the Darfur region of Sudan (AMIS) and recommended action.

CIVCOM ADVICE ON

LESSONS FROM THE EU CIVILIAN-MILITARY SUPPORTING ACTION TO THE AFRICAN UNION MISSION IN THE DARFUR REGION OF SUDAN (AMIS) AND RECOMMENDED ACTION (9092/08)

I. Background

1. In its meeting on 13 May 2008, PSC tasked CivCom to give an advice on Lessons from the EU Civilian-Military Supporting Action to the African Union Mission in the Darfur region of Sudan (AMIS) and recommended action

II. Considerations

2. CivCom welcomed the report and its recommendations. It noted that the supporting action had allowed the EU to develop a new approach whereby it supports a peace operation managed by another international actor.

3. CivCom acknowledged initial practical difficulties in setting up the supporting action. In this context it is of paramount importance that the chain of command is structured in such a way that allows EU to discharge appropriate duty of care for its personnel. Equally CivCom emphasized the need for transparency and full accountability of the mission's conduct.

4. It noted that the new command and control arrangements for civilian ESDP missions and the creation of the post of Civilian Operation Commander / Director of CPCC will ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place before similar supporting actions are launched.

5. CivCom emphasized that supporting actions, while providing important added value in terms of cooperation with other international actors in civilian crisis management, should be launched after duly considering other possible options for EU engagement, notably a civilian ESDP mission under its own chain of command or the reinforcement of the EUSR office.

6. CivCom stressed that, should a blueprint for the future civilian missions with a similar approach be prepared, the Council Secretariat should proceed on the basis of the Draft Guidelines for Command and Control Structure for EU Civilian Operations in Crisis Management (doc. 9919/07).

These lessons learned and the considerations of this advice should be taken into account while preparing a possible blueprint for future similar civilian missions. Above mentioned considerations should also be taken into account in the framework of the single planning scenario in the preparation of the CHG 2010, as appropriate.

III. Recommendation

7. CivCom invited the PSC to agree this advice.