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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
December 2008-June 2009

Following the CIVCOM meeting of 20 July, 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 December 2008 to 15 June 2009.

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Draft 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 CPCC and the Deputy HoM, Karin Mueller, and had a discussion on EUPOL AFGHANISTAN six monthly report.

Considerations

3. CIVCOM underlined its continuous support for the work of EUPOL AFGHANISTAN and welcomed the progress made by the Mission over the last six months.
4. 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 is present.
5. CIVCOM welcomed the concise Six-Monthly Review Report and appreciated the honest assessments, particularly in the Lessons Learned Annex.
6. 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; on the same model as project cells established in other ESDP missions.
7. CIVCOM recalled that the scope of the project cell should be limited to small scale projects in support of the implementation of EUPOL Afghanistan core mandate. The projects must be well delineated and defined in close coordination with the CION.

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8. 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.
9. CIVCOM also took note of the successful efforts made by EUPOL AFGHANSITAN 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.
10. CIVCOM stressed that bilateral and other initiatives from Member States and international actors, including the upcoming NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan (NTM-A) are complementary to EUPOL AFGHANISTAN efforts with regards to the reform of the Police sector in Afghanistan and stressed the importance of coordinating those initiatives through the International Police Coordination Board.
11. CIVCOM discussed and took note of the critical staffing situation of the Mission and was of the opinion that unless solutions are found rapidly, the credibility of EUPOL and of EU engagement in Afghanistan would be at stake. CIVCOM encouraged CPCC and the Mission to explore creative solutions, including the possibility of contracting more personnel, of sending small national contingents, of calling for a force generation conference, and other means.
12. CIVCOM welcomes the current activities carried out by the Mission and CPCC 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

13. CIVCOM recommended
- that the Head of Mission follows his proposed six consolidated priorities for the coming six months;
 - that the Mission establishes a project cell and, in close coordination with CPCC and the CION, proposes a list of small scale projects to be implemented in the framework of the project cell, in support of main EUPOL AFGHANISTAN activities;
 - that EUPOL AFGHANISTAN, together with CPCC, thoroughly assesses logistical and security needs for EUPOL staff in the PRTs/RCs. The results of this assessment will be communicated to the PSC in due time (and not later than by the end of September 2009), together with recommendations on how to solve these logistical and security shortfalls.
 - that the Mission proposes an adapted deployment plan reflecting the six prioritized objectives, according to the findings of the above-mentioned assessment.
 - that the issue of staffing continues to be addressed without delays and that CPCC presents proposals to remedy this issue;
14. CIVCOM invites the PSC to take note of this advice on the Six-Monthly Report and to endorse its recommendations.
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