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Following the CivCom meeting on Wednesday, 19 October 2011, delegations will find attached the EEAS document with reference CPCC 13752/11 regarding draft CIVCOM advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Operational assessment reports (October 2011).

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from:	European External Action Service
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The General Secretariat of the Council will find attached the EEAS document with reference CPCC 13752/11 regarding Draft CIVCOM advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN operational assessment reports (CPCC 13077/11) for further distribution.

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## DRAFT CIVCOM ADVICE ON THE EUPOL AFGHANISTAN OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

1. Following the discussions in CIVCOM on the EUPOL Afghanistan's Six Monthly Report in July 2011, the Mission and CPCC provided CIVCOM with an assessment of the Afghan police and justice training and capacity needs as well as an assessment of EUPOL's presence outside Kabul.
2. On 12 October, CivCom received a presentation of the Operational Assessment Report (CPCC 13077/11) by CPCC and on 19 October had an orientation discussion with a view to providing an advice.
3. In its meetings of 21 and XX October, CIVCOM discussed and agreed the following advice.

### CONSIDERATIONS

4. CIVCOM welcomed the comprehensive Operational Assessment Report to serve as an input in view of the Bonn Conference II on 5 December 2011 and the strategic review to be conducted in spring 2012.
5. CIVCOM supported the recommendations by the Head of Mission and the CivOpsCdr to continue focusing EUPOL activities on the three pillars of
  - i) institutional reform of the Ministry of Interior,
  - ii) professionalisation of the Afghan National Police and
  - iii) connecting police to justice reform.
6. CIVCOM took note of the assessment of EUPOL's presence in the provinces and highlighted that a decision to refocus the deployment of the Mission outside Kabul should be considered in the context of the upcoming strategic review. The assessment should be thorough, done on

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a case by case basis and take into consideration, inter alia, the sustainability and a possible alignment with the plans of other relevant actors, including the planned streamlining of regional training centres. CIVCOM also stressed the importance of EUPOL's cooperation with the MoI.

7. CIVCOM acknowledged the need for further international support to the justice sector and emphasised the importance to better link-up police and justice reform efforts, while recalling the limitations of EUPOL's mandate and resources. The strategic review in Spring 2012 should look at EUPOL's involvement in this area in light of the overall EU action in the justice sector.
8. CIVCOM stressed that the security conditions are a crucial element for EUPOL's operations.
9. CIVCOM emphasized the need for further fostering synergies with Afghan partners, as well as relevant international actors, including the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, UNAMA and bilateral projects.
10. Furthermore, in CIVCOM Member States stated their readiness to agree ahead of the Bonn Conference on 5 December 2011 to an extension in principle of EUPOL's mandate until the end of 2014, on the condition that PSC discusses, before the November FAC, on the parameters of the upcoming strategic review, on the basis of a paper to be submitted by CMPD.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

11. Taking into account the above considerations, CIVCOM recommended that:
  - the Mission continues to focus its activities on the three main pillars identified while seeking to further streamline those activities;
  - the Mission updates the assessment of the Afghan training and capacity needs, as well as the assessment of the provincial presence ahead of the strategic review;
  - CMPD provides a paper outlining the parameters of the strategic review, which should be agreed in PSC before the November FAC;

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- the strategic review looks into, inter alia, the scope of engagement of EUPOL in the justice sector, the presence of the Mission in the provinces and the provision of security for EUPOL.

12. CIVCOM invites the PSC to take note of this advice and endorse its recommendations.

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