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NOTE

From : Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management (CIVCOM)
To : Political and Security Committee

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With a view to the PSC meeting on 27 July, delegations will find enclosed CIVCOM advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Six-Monthly Report, as transmitted by the Civilian Operations Commander.

CIVCOM Advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Six-Monthly Report

1. On 13 July 2010 PSC tasked CIVCOM to provide an advice on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Six-Monthly Report covering the period 16 December 2009 to 15 June 2010.
2. In its meeting of 14 July, CIVCOM had a discussion with the Deputy Head of Mission, Karin MUELLER and the designated Head of Mission, BG Jukka SAVOLAINEN on the EUPOL AFGHANISTAN Six-Monthly report.
3. In its meeting of 19 July CIVCOM discussed and agreed the following advice.

Considerations

4. CIVCOM commended the Six-Monthly report, especially the indications of strengths and some of the weaknesses and the lessons learned chapter, and welcomed the new HoM, Brigadier General Jukka SAVOLAINEN.
5. CIVCOM noted that despite the numerous changes within the Mission and a very volatile environment, the Mission achieved concrete progress, especially in supporting the Ministry of Interior in fighting corruption and in building criminal investigations capacities.
6. CIVCOM noted with satisfaction the efforts undertaken by the Mission to contribute to the transition strategy towards hand-over of security responsibilities to the Afghans, as agreed at the London conference.
7. In this context, CIVCOM called upon the Mission to continue to make full use of the opportunities offered by the prolonged and adjusted mandate, to streamline all its activities along the six strategic objectives and to boost operational delivery of the Mission in Kabul and in the provinces.

8. CIVCOM welcomed the refocusing of Mission activities and resources in fewer locations and the ongoing implementation of the City Police and Justice Programme in key urban centres, and called on the new HoM to ensure short term deliverables in those locations. In this respect, CIVCOM noted that there is still a shortfall in staffing and recalled the responsibility of the Member States to provide sufficient human resources to EUPOL.
9. CIVCOM also supported the steps taken by EUPOL to develop even closer cooperation with NATO and its training mission and encouraged the Mission to further define concrete areas of cooperation and delineation of tasks between the two missions, based on EUPOL civilian policing expertise and on a realistic assessment of available resources.
10. CIVCOM however recalled that EUPOL's cooperation with NATO should entail more support from NATO/ISAF, particularly in terms of logistics, medevac and force protection.
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11. CIVCOM also noted that EUPOL continues to seek greater self-reliance where logistical and security support remains limited.
12. CIVCOM encouraged the Mission to strengthen further its coordination and coherence with bilateral projects and synergies with the European Commission, especially relevant for the areas of Rule of Law and of Police. In this regard, CIVCOM welcomed the planned construction, through the Instrument for Stability, of three Police training centres, including the Kabul Police Staff College and the Bamyan regional training centre particularly for female police officers. CIVCOM noted the intention to closely coordinate these activities with Afghan partners and other international/bilateral actors in the field of police reform.
13. CIVCOM noted with satisfaction that the Mission has taken advantage of the possibility to use the funds allocated to the project cell and encourages the mission to use it to its full potential.

14. CIVCOM noted with interest the internal Mission progress analysis and encouraged the Mission to develop a reliable benchmarking system for the ANP in partnership with other international actors and to further assess the impact of the Mission.
15. CIVCOM stressed the importance for the Mission to build good relations with the new Afghan Minister of Interior and encouraged the new HoM to make all efforts in this direction.
16. CIVCOM welcomed the progress made towards the conclusion of a Status of Mission Agreement (SoMA).

Recommendations

17. Taking into account the above considerations, CIVCOM recommended that:
 - EUPOL remains focused on operational delivery of the adjusted mandate and the agreed six strategic objectives;
 - EUPOL aims at short-term deliverables in relation to the implementation of the City Police and Justice Programme, while, within the Mission's mandate, keeping its focus on the long-term build-up of civilian policing structures;
 - the HoM presents, in the next six-monthly report, an assessment of the delivery of the City Police and Justice Programme, also taking into account ongoing efforts to find solutions in terms of logistics, medevac and security support in the context of the geographical refocusing;
 - the Mission further develops cooperation with NATO and its training mission and seeks even better coordination with bilateral actors and other international partners through the IPCB;
 - enhanced synergies with the European Commission be pursued, especially in view of the construction of three Police training centres through the Instrument for Stability;
 - full advantage be taken of the project cell;
 - the Mission continues its endeavour to devise a benchmarking system for the Afghan Police, in collaboration with other relevant partners.
18. CIVCOM invites the PSC to take note of this advice on the Six-Monthly Report and to endorse its recommendations.