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**NOTE**

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

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In view of the PSC meeting on 30 January 2009, delegations will find attached the CivCom advice on the EULEX KOSOVO first Six-Monthly Review Report (doc. 5168/09).

**CIVCOM ADVICE ON THE  
EULEX KOSOVO REVIEW REPORT (DOC. 5168/09)**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. On 16 January 2009 PSC invited CivCom to provide advice on the EULEX KOSOVO Six-monthly Review Report. CivCom examined the report on 19 January 2009 and agreed the following advice.

**CONSIDERATIONS**

2. CivCom expressed its strong appreciation for the work performed by the Mission to allow its deployment and the launch of operations on 9 December 2008.
3. CivCom welcomed the Six-monthly Review Report of the EULEX KOSOVO Head of Mission (doc. 5168/09), as well as the lessons learned and the Rule of Law assessment provided in its Annexes. CivCom commended the overall quality and tone of the Report. CivCom encouraged the Mission to continue providing a balanced assessment of its achievements and areas for further improvements.
4. CivCom expressed its appreciation for the performance of EULEX KOSOVO during the reporting period. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**
5. CivCom welcomed the continued cooperation with EUSR as well as the European Commission and its liaison office in Kosovo.

6. CivCom encouraged the Mission to continue with a technical and balanced approach to decisively progress with the implementation of its mandate **NOT DECLASSIFIED**.
7. CivCom emphasised the necessity of ensuring an effective horizontal thematic approach, in particular in order to tackle difficult cross-cutting issues such as anti-corruption, organised crime and the mainstreaming of human rights and gender issues, allowing for the full implementation of the integrated Rule of Law approach at the core of the mission's mandate. In this context CivCom welcomed the Mission's efforts to further improve the cooperation between the Mission's components and supported its endeavor to take forward the implementation of its mandate, particularly in addressing difficult cases such as organised crime and war crimes.
8. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**
9. CivCom welcomed the ongoing deployment across Kosovo and the Mission's efforts to reach its Full Operational Capability by the end of the winter **NOT DECLASSIFIED**. CivCom took due note of the Mission's remaining recruitment needs. Accordingly, CivCom highlighted the importance of a sustained Force Generation process and underlined the need for Member States to respond strongly to forthcoming calls for contributions.
10. CivCom commended the good relations with the local authorities and, in particular, the setting-up of a Joint Rule of Law Co-ordination Board.
11. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

12. CivCom noted the need for continued mission visibility and work with civil society.
13. CivCom welcomed continued co-ordination with UNMIK, including over the fast transfer of the remaining assets.
14. CivCom took note of the need to adjust the OPLAN in the run-up to Full Operational Capability and looks forward to proposals.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

15. CivCom recommended that EULEX KOSOVO:
  - a. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**;
  - b. reports on the concrete measures taken to improve the integrated Rule of Law approach including by further developing police- justice relations and more generally to implement the lessons identified in the Report;
  - c. provides a regular account of the Components' activities and an updated review of the Rule of Law sector through the Mission's own assessment.
16. CivCom invites the PSC to take note of this advice and endorse its recommendations.

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