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NOTE

From : Secretariat
To: Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management
Subject : Revised Draft CivCom advice on the SG/HR European Union Police Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina Review Report.

Delegations will find enclosed a revised Draft CivCom advice on the SG/HR European Union Police Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina Review Report.

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CivCom Advice on the SG/HR

European Union Police Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina Review Report

INTRODUCTION

Within the framework of the Single Comprehensive Review of EU activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), the PSC on 16 May 2006 invited CivCom to provide advice on the SG/HR EUPM Review Report.

CIVCOM CONSIDERATIONS

CivCom considers the Report as an excellent reflection on a successful re-organisation of EUPM in line with its refocused mandate and size, and supports the SG/HR recommendations.

CivCom welcomes the further progress in coordination of the ESDP instruments under the auspices of the EUSR, including close coordination with the EC in particular in the areas of police reform and other rule of law aspects. EUPM has played a pivotal role in these efforts. CivCom notes that while the process of police restructuring is highly political the Mission should support its process as part as a comprehensive and coherent EU response.

CivCom welcomes the signing of the EUPM- EUFOR operational guidelines, which will allow, under the direction of the EUSR, to fully assume the leading role in the coordination of policing aspects of the ESDP efforts in the fight against organised crime in BiH, while EUFOR's role is being gradually reduced. CivCom is confident that these guidelines will be fully implemented and recommends that progress is assessed in the context of the regular mission reviews.

CivCom stresses that this coordination should allow for a seamless transition to the BIH authorities, supported by EUPM, as a civilian crisis management instrument, acting in full complementarity with Community action, to support BiH on its path towards European integration.

CivCom notes that the development of capacity and confidence of local police in fighting organised crime requires further technical assistance, as well as provision of equipment, and welcomes

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EUPM's readiness to play a coordinating role vis-à-vis the donor community in Sarajevo, in close coordination with the EC.

CivCom welcomes that the Mission has started to take into account UNSCR 1325.

CivCom invites the Mission to present an assessment of the technical and operational capacity of local police, in particular of SIPA, including of future needs within the framework of the next six monthly review, as well as a short assessment of the transition once it is complete.

CONCLUSION

CivCom recommends that the present advice be endorsed by the PSC.

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