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From : Secretariat

To: Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management

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Introduction

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

Civcom considerations

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, including the harmonization of existing legislation. CIVCOM however notes that the process of police restructuring is highly political and offers little scope for the Mission to intervene under its mandate. Police restructuring thus requires a comprehensive response of the EU

CIVCOM welcomes the signing of the EUPM- EUFOR operational guidelines, which will allow the Mission to fully assume the leading role in the coordination of policing aspects of the ESDP efforts in the fight against organized crime in Bosnia and Herzegovina, while EUFORs role is being gradually reduced. CIVCOM recommends that these guidelines are fully implemented and that progress is assessed in the context of the regular mission review.

Civcom stresses this coordination should allow for a seamless transition to EUPM, as a civilian crisis management instrument, acting in full complementarity with Community action, to support Bosnia and Herzegovina on its path towards Europe. In this context, CIVCOM takes note of the contingency planning of the OpCdr of Operation Althea and recommends that impact of the transition from EUFOR to EUPM should be taken into account.

CIVCOM welcomes EUPM's continued commitment to foster local ownership and encourages the Mission to closely involve local counterparts in the development of the Mission's activities, including as appropriate in the crucial area of EUPM-EUFOR co-ordination in the support of the fight against organized crime.

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CIVCOM notes that the development of capacity and confidence of local police in fighting organised crime requires further technical assistance, including of equipment, and welcomes EUPMs 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 and the EU Operational Paper, focusing on practical measures for taking work forward on UNSCR 1325 in an ESDP context in all its activities. CIVCOM invites the Mission to further develop practical measures and to share experiences. (CIVCOM regrets that the force generation process has not resulted in a more equitable representation of men and women among international seconded staff).

CIVCOM invites the Mission to present an assessment of the technical and operational capacity of local police, namely of SIPA, including of future needs within the frame-work of the next six months review.

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