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In view of the PSC meeting of 16 May, delegations will find attached the EUPM Review Report by the SG/HR. This report should be read in conjunction with the EUPM Six-monthly Review Report of the Police Head of Mission, as contained in document 8592/06 (RESTREINT UE).

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## Secretary General/ High Representative's European Union Police Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina Review Report

### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The European Union Police Mission (EUPM) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) is subject to a six monthly review process, as provided for by the Joint Action on EUPM of 24 November 2005 (2005/824/CFSP). The review shall be carried out in accordance with the criteria set out in the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) (doc. 14035/05, RESTREINT UE) and the Operation Plan (OPLAN) (doc. 8025/06, RESTREINT UE) and take into account developments in police reform. It shall enable adjustments to be made to the Mission's activity as necessary.

2. The EUPM Mission Review is conducted in the framework of the Single Comprehensive Review of EU Activities in BiH. The basis for the review is the EUPM Review Report of the Police Head of Mission, as contained in document 8592/06 (RESTREINT UE).

### II. EUPM PROGRESS

3. EUPM has continued from 1 January 2006 as a refocused mission with an adjusted mandate and size. As has been reflected in the Review Report of the Police Head of Mission, EUPM is undergoing a thorough and successful re-organisation in line with its refocused mandate. The Mission, through the Police Head of Mission is actively engaged in the concerted efforts of the EU and the International Community on police reform. Under the direction of the EUSR, EUPM has progressed in taking the lead in the co-ordination of policing aspects of ESDP efforts in the fight against organised crime. Furthermore, the EUPM is developing tools to strengthen internal and external control, inspection and accountability of local police across BiH. The Mission is also pursuing its horizontal tasks, in particular further support to the build-up of SIPA and SBS.

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4. Congratulations are extended to the Police Head of Mission and its dedicated personnel. The Mission is meeting challenging tasks in a structured, focused and effective manner that has already translated into progress on the ground laying the basis for substantial progress in meeting its objectives.

5. The period has seen a strengthened internal EU co-ordination in theatre. The improved EUFOR-EUPM co-ordination is particularly encouraging.

## III. RECOMMENDATIONS.

6. The SG/HR endorses the Police Head of Mission review Report as contained in document 8592/06 (RESTREINT UE) and would like to stress the following aspects.

7. Recognising the importance of police reform, and its highly political nature, the Mission is actively involved in the work of the Directorate for the Implementation of Police Restructuring - in close consultation with the EUSR, the Commission and the International Community. In parallel, until reforms are finally agreed and implemented, EUPM continues to work with the current fragmented police structures, i.a. through support to the drafting of legislation.

8. Progress by EUPM in taking up a leading co-ordinating role in supporting the fight against organised crime, while the role of EUFOR is being reduced, should continue. Key to success is further steps in implementing agreed guidelines and principles for EUPM-EUFOR co-operation under the guidance of the EUSR, including the development and implementation of operational guidelines on EUPM-EUFOR co-operation.

9. With the tools at the disposal of EUPM for internal and external control, inspection and accountability, including the support of the Criminal Justice Interface, the Mission should be able to better assist local counterpart in targeting weaknesses in police structures and in criminal investigations.

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10. The success indicators outlined by the Mission and adopted in the amended OPLAN should guide the Mission in these key tasks as well as in the horizontal tasks.

11. A decisive factor of success continues to be highly qualified staff with the right professional experience to match the expectations on the Mission.

## IV. CONCLUSION

12. As EUPM is now reaching the end of the transition to the adapted structure for the new mandate, the next six months will be a period when the Mission should be able to focus fully on its tasks.

13. Political developments in BiH as well as in the region will affect the implementation of the mandate. Under the guidance of the EUSR, the Mission should continue its constructive contribution to developing EU co-ordination in order to ensure a coherent EU response.

14. The development of relations between EUFOR and EUPM will be closely followed, both because of its crucial role in the support against organised crime, and because it might serve a model of co-operation for similar missions.

15. Encouraging local ownership is key for the success of the Mission, including the progressive transfer of responsibility to local authorities. In this context, the Mission should continue to take every opportunity to enlist the support of the public for its joint undertakings with local counterparts.