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NOTE

From : Secretariat
To : Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management
Subject : Revised draft CivCom advice on the SG/HR EUPM Six-Monthly Review report

Delegations will find attached the revised draft CivCom advice on the SG/HR EUPM Six-Monthly Review report (doc. 15069/07) which has to be read in conjunction with the EUPM Six-Monthly Review report (doc. 14694/07).

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**Draft CivCom advice on the
SG/HR European Union Police Mission (EUPM) in Bosnia and Herzegovina Review Report
(doc. 15069/07)
and on the fourth EUPM Six-monthly Review Report of the Head of Mission (doc. 14694/07)**

Introduction

1. On 8 and 20 November 2007 PSC invited CivCom to provide advice on the EUPM Six-monthly Review Report and on the SG/HR's Report on EUPM's report. CivCom examined the reports on 21 and XX November and agreed the following advice.

Considerations

2. CivCom welcomed the Secretary General/High Representative's European Union Police Mission (EUPM) in Bosnia and Herzegovina Review Report (doc. 15069/07) and its recommendations, as well as the Six-monthly Review Report of the EUPM Head of Mission (doc. 14694/07).
3. CivCom expressed its support for the performance and achievements of the EUPM in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and thanked the Head of Mission and his staff for their work during the two-year mandate of EUPM 2006-07.
4. CivCom welcomed the detailed and exhaustive annexes in the Six-monthly Review Report, especially on organised crime in BiH.
5. CivCom expressed concern at the lack of progress on police restructuring process and the resulting failure of BiH to initial the Stabilisation and Accession Agreement.

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6. CivCom welcomed the contribution of the Mission to ongoing police reform efforts and encourages the Mission to continue providing policing expertise in support of the EUSR to facilitate a political agreement on police restructuring. CivCom underlined that EUPM's pragmatic and gradual approach aiming at promoting intermediate reform and harmonization efforts of the fragmented BiH police services plays an important role in the preparation of the Stabilisation and Association process.
7. CivCom took note of the declaration signed by the leaders of the six government parties of BiH in Mostar on 28 October 2007 (*'Declaration on honouring the commitments for implementation of the police reform with aim to initial and sign the Stabilisation and Association Agreement'*). CivCom encouraged EUPM to assess and propose possibilities of following-up on this declaration.
8. CivCom emphasized the results of the Mission in supporting the fight against organized crime. The Mission should continue with its targeted approach based on intelligence-led policing and on a thorough crime situation analysis and its close cooperation with EUFOR ALTHEA and the EUSR. CivCom also invited EUPM to further develop the information exchange with EUROPOL.
9. CivCom noted that there are still shortcomings limiting the BiH police efficiency, such as a lack of progress in the State Investigation and Protection Agency, continued difficulties in the police-prosecutor relations, persisting political interference in policing issues and unsatisfactory police accountability.
10. CivCom encouraged the Mission to continue its integrated Rule of Law approach by further developing police-prosecution relations and by taking into account relevant aspects of the penitentiary system in order to strengthen the mission's comprehensive approach, from "crime to prison".

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11. CivCom was pleased to note the excellent cooperation between the Mission and the relevant Commission services both in Brussels and on the ground. CivCom stressed the need to prepare for a possible transition to Community assistance programmes. In this respect, CivCom considered that good inter-pillar cooperation as well as the establishment of a coordination mechanism are pre-conditions for a smooth hand-over process between ESDP and Commission's activities.

Recommendations

12. CivCom recommended that EUPM:

- a. continues providing policing expertise in support of the EUSR to facilitate a political agreement on police restructuring;
- b. EUPM assesses and proposes possibilities of following-up on the Mostar declaration;
- c. continues supporting the fight against organized crime through its targeted approach based on intelligence-led policing and on a thorough crime situation analysis;
- d. continues its close coordination with EUFOR Althea and EUSR.
- e. further develops the information exchange with EUROPOL;
- f. continues its integrated Rule of Law approach by further developing police-prosecution relations and by taking into account relevant aspects of the penitentiary system in order to strengthen the Mission's comprehensive approach, from "crime to prison";
- g. prepares for a possible transition to Community assistance programmes.

13. CivCom invites the PSC to take note of this advice and endorse its recommendations.
