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CivCom advice on the SG/HR EUPM Six-Monthly Review report

Introduction

1. CivCom welcomed the Six-monthly review report of the European Union Police Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (document 8900/07) and the report of the Secretary General/ High Representative thereon (document 9295/07).
2. On 15 May 2007, the PSC invited CivCom to provide advice on the SG/HR's EUPM Review Report. CivCom examined the report on 16 and 25 May and agreed the following advice.

Considerations

3. CivCom noted with satisfaction the progress made in supporting the fight against organized crime, in particular the implementation of a targeted approach in implementing the National Action Plan to fight Organised Crime and Corruption. CivCom also noted that local law enforcement authorities have made progress in developing operational capacities in this area. CivCom underlined that further efforts are necessary to safeguard achievements.
4. CivCom welcomed the contribution of the Head of Mission to the police restructuring process and regretted that the final report of the Directorate for the Implementation of Police Restructuring has not been adopted yet. CivCom stressed that EUPM's role in the political negotiations should relate to providing policing expertise, whereas the EUSR's role is to coordinate political negotiations and to facilitate an agreement.
5. CivCom noted with satisfaction that the mission stands ready to support the implementation of the police reform once a political decision has been taken. In this context, CivCom welcomed the fact that the mission has already started to identify practical steps with a view to facilitate the implementation of the police reform, once agreed.
6. CivCom welcomed EUPM's initiative to strengthen police-prosecutor relations and the first positive results achieved in this field, which underlines the importance of an integrated approach to rule of law issues in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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7. CivCom considered that EUPM's mandate, given the need to make progress achieved sustainable, should be extended for an additional two years with capabilities and strength at current levels at least initially. This would be needed in order to safeguard the accomplishments and to complete EUPM's further reform and anti-organised crime efforts.
8. CivCom stressed the importance of preparing for a possible transition to Community assistance programmes during this extension period. In this regard, CivCom underlined the need for the Council Secretariat, with the support of the Mission and in close association with the European Commission and its delegation in Sarajevo, to take forward the planning for the future EU engagement in BiH, based on the host country's police and rule of law development needs. Information about the progress of this planning should be included in the regular review reports of the mission.

Recommendations

9. CivCom recommends extending EUPM's mandate for an additional two years with capabilities and strength at current levels at least initially.
10. CivCom recommends that a possible transition to Community assistance programmes should be prepared during this extension period.
11. CivCom invites the Secretariat to start preparations for the future extension, including an assessment of the relevant planning documents with a view to establishing the revisions that might be necessary.
12. CivCom invites the PSC to agree this advice.