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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In early December the State Prosecutor and the Special Department for organized crime and corruption led operation '*Kastel*' in which SIPA officers arrested the Canton 1 (Bihac) Police Commissioner and seven other persons suspected of organised crime, abuse of office, economic crimes and bribery.

Many regions of BiH were hit by severe flooding in early December leading some areas to declare a state of emergency and the EU to send a liaison officer to assess the situation.

On 21 December, HoM and DHoM were invited to attend the coordination meeting of law enforcement agency directors and the Chief State Prosecutor at EUPM main head quarters hosted by the Director of the Directorate for Police Coordination (DPC).

Under the auspices of EUPM the BiH Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) organized a two-day conference of immigration services of South-East Europe on 14 and 15 December in Sarajevo, attended by DHoM and financed by TAIEX (Technical Assistance and Information Exchange).

Following an extensive six-month investigation applying special investigative measures (SIMs), the Brčko District police carried out operation '*Skuter*' aimed at the illicit production and distribution of drugs in north-eastern BiH.

During the month of December, the Republika Srpska police continued activities involving several operations aimed at drug trafficking (operation *Network*), the illegal trade of excise goods (mainly cigarettes – operation *Fag*), and a further operation involving the stolen goods and drug trafficking (operation '*Trebisnjica*').

As a result of a long term investigation and in close cooperation with the Croatian police, SIPA officers conducted operation *Prenj 4* on 21 December aimed at drug trafficking.

Police officers from the FBiH Cantons of Tuzla (Canton 3), Orasje (Canton 2) and Zenica (Canton 4) launched a successful joint operation on 27 and 28 December targeting an organised crime group involved in car theft and extortion.

2. COMMENTS OF HEAD OF MISSION

2010 drew to a close with extremely significant events for BiH and the mission. The most important was Operation 'Kastel' conducted in the early morning hours of 11 December in the Una Sana Canton (Bihac), when eight officials were arrested suspected of organized crime in relation to economic crime, corruption and abuse of office. The arrested persons included the Bihac Police Commissioner and five other police officers. This had an immediate impact on the political and functional aspects of the Canton. These arrests fall in to the core of the mission's current mandate bringing in to sharp focus the urgent need to implement fully a functional Anti Corruption Agency at the State Level.

Parts of BiH were blighted by serious flooding in early December with some regions declaring a state of emergency. A liaison officer from the ECHO Monitoring and Information Centre visited the worst hit areas of BiH on 9 December. By late December the situation had stabilized and EUPM continues to monitor the situation closely.

An initial visit of teams from CMPD and CPCC the last two days of November was followed by EUPM's participation in the Peace Implementation Council (PIC) meeting of Political Directors, with the Board of Principals in attendance, on 30 November and 1 December.

The Political and Security Committee (PSC) visited Sarajevo from 1 to 3 December. As part of the field trip to BiH the PSC visited EUPM Headquarters on 2 December. The mission welcomed the delegation, which was accompanied by the Civilian Operations Commander and representatives of the General Secretariat of the Council and the European Commission. The PSC received presentations from the Director of the DPC and the Secretary of the Ministry of Security (MoS) and a briefing by the Director of SIPA throughout the Q&A session. The messages from the DPC, the MoS and SIPA were positive with emphasis on progress made so far, but also stating there is still

assistance needed to consolidate cooperation and coordination on all levels, technical and political.

During the three day visit to Sarajevo the PSC Ambassadors met with all EU Heads of Missions, the EU Delegation, the BiH Presidency, the House of Peoples, the House of Representatives, civil society, and EUFOR.

On 8 December, the Minister of Security and I gave the opening remarks at a conference hosted by the BiH Ministry of Security marking the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR) on “Women, Peace and Security”. On this occasion, the complementary Action Plan for implementation of the Resolution covering the period 2010 — 2013, was also presented.

In early December Mr. Dragan Lukac was appointed the new BiH Federation (FBiH) Police Administration Director, the outgoing director Mr. Zlatko Miletic has been appointed Executive Director of the Southeast Europe Police Chiefs Association (SEPCA). I congratulated Mr. Lukac and thanked Mr. Miletic for good cooperation, also congratulating him on his new appointment.

On 9 December, I met with outgoing and incoming Director FAoP (Fed. Admin of Police). Also present (from a previous meeting with Mr. Miletic and Mr. Lukac), were the Director of the DPC and his two deputies. As a result, an informal and positive discussion ensued regarding general aspects of law enforcement activities and regional cooperation.

On 21 December, HoM and DHoM attended the coordination meeting of law enforcement agency directors and the Chief State Prosecutor at EUPM MHQ. The meeting was hosted by the Director of the DPC, Mr Himzo Selimovic, and was held in a cordial and proactive atmosphere reflecting the added value of this group working together in this coordination and cooperation role.

Representatives of the EU Delegation attended the meeting to discuss the agenda item regarding the implementation of the Agreement on Data Exchange among the police agencies and prosecutor’s offices. Also present were representatives from the German BKA who came to debrief and further discuss the study visit of the directors in Berlin in November and representatives ICITAP, FBI,

OHR. Participants also discussed the benefit of establishing an operational subgroup within SIPA that would focus on uncovering and preventing terrorist activities.

The second consultation meeting on possible amendments to the Law on Police Officials (LoPO) took place on 21 December, attended by representatives of the DPC, Ministries of Interiors, Police bodies in BiH, EUPM and OHR. It was concluded that, starting from January, the consultation process will focus on preparing draft amendments to the LoPO for consideration of the management of represented institutions. A workshop will take place during last week of January 2011. During the meeting DHoM stressed the importance of the police trade unions involvement in the process before finalization and mentioned that this ‘consultation meeting’ should now be chaired by the participants themselves aiming towards local ownership.

3. MISSION ACTIVITIES

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4. POLITICAL AND SECURITY UPDATE

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5. MEDIA

EUPM hosted a study visit to Brussels for BiH journalists and LEA spokespersons – A four-day study visit for a selected group of journalists, police and prosecutorial spokespersons to Brussels hosted by EUPM took place between 6 – 9 December. The visit aimed at addressing the need to assist the media and law enforcement officials dealing with the media, and to further enhance their understanding of the functioning and priorities of the EU with regard to the area of justice and home affairs, enlargement process and the EU as a whole. EUPM hopes this study trip will contribute to the increase in reporting about various EU-related topics and institutions, particularly those which are important on BiH's path towards the integration into the European family.

UNSCR on Women, Peace and Security promoted in Sarajevo – On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, the BiH Ministry of Security organized a presentation of the Action Plan for its implementation on 8 December. Being one of the key note speakers, EUPM HoM was reported by media as praising the BiH authorities for their determination to implement the Action Plan. *“Post-conflict societies usually have problems related to gender discrimination. It is necessary to overcome those problems and move towards democratization of society.”*

Jolly Ambassadors marks International Anti-Corruption Day – Marking the International Anti-Corruption Day on 9 December, the Jolly Ambassadors organised PR events in five towns across BiH (Sarajevo, Doboj, Mostar, Brcko and Visoko) distributing flyers and badges in interaction with the citizens on importance of the fight against corruption. The Jolly Ambassadors is a project

supported by EUPM. The exercise received good media coverage, simultaneously marking the end of Jolly Ambassadors' activities for 2010.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Police Co-operation at Airports Signed in

Belgrade – On 21 December in Belgrade, the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Albania, Ministry of Security-BiH Border Police, Ministry of Interior-General Police Directorate of the Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Internal Affairs of FYROM, Ministry of Interior and Public Administration of Montenegro, Ministry of Interior of Republic of Serbia and MARRI Regional Centre (Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative), all signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding co-operation among border police units at international airport border crossing points. To date there has not been a joint mechanism for such co-operation in the MARRI member states. The MoU is to enable airport services in the region to communicate directly in the fight against all forms of cross-border crime as well as to set up effective and sustainable mechanism for functioning of the co-operation network between border police units. It will also contribute to the harmonization of regional standards in combating irregular migration with EU and international standards.

6. SECURITY

Security remains stable.

The flooding situation in BiH – Heavy rainfall during the beginning of December caused severe flooding in certain regions of BiH. The areas of Banja Luka, Tuzla, Bijeljina, Visegrad, Foca, Gorazde, Mostar, Trebinje and parts of Sarajevo, were the worst hit. Casualties were reported in the early morning hours of Sunday 5 December, when a serious landslide occurred in the Tuzla area taking the lives of three people. The floods also affected electricity and phone lines in several towns and villages in northern, southern and western BiH, and many roads in the affected areas closed due to flooding and subsequent landslides. The national authorities have estimated the total number of affected people to be approximately 20,000, and the number of houses flooded to be approximately 3,000. The situation started to improve on 7 December with the water level of the Drina, Sava, and other rivers slowly decreasing. On 9 December a liaison officer from the ECHO Monitoring and

Information Centre (MIC), arrived in BiH in order to establish contacts with the civil protection authorities and to get a clear overview of the whole situation. Teams of doctors visited the areas hit by the flooding in order to assess the health risk due to overflowing sewage systems. By 31 December the situation all over BiH is stable, no epidemics have been reported and the electricity and water supply have returned to normal.

Relations with Host Country authorities

As EUPM is an established mission, currently there are no issues to report under this heading.

Relations with EU, other IC organisations and representatives

As EUPM is an established mission, currently there are no issues to report under this heading.

7. OUTLOOK

18 January – BiH law enforcement agencies in cooperation with EUPM will launch a public awareness campaign.

17 – 21 January – The mission will welcome the second visit of the Strategic Review Team of CMPD and CPCC.

**Approved by Commissioner Stefan Feller
Head of Mission**

ANNEX I: OPERATION 'KASTEL' – Special report of 12 January 2011

ANNEX 2: Personnel situation

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