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From :	Secretariat
To :	Permanent Representatives Committee / Council
Subject :	Concept of Operations (CONOPS) for the extended ESDP SSR Police Mission and its interface with justice in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) 2009/2010 including sexual violence

1. On 1 July 2007 the ESDP SSR Police Mission and its interface with justice in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) EUPOL RD Congo was launched for an initial duration of one year.
2. On 1 July 2008 and on the basis of the *Recommendations on a Possible Way Forward for EUPOL RD Congo* (doc. 7523/08 - RESTREINT UE) and the advice thereof as well as the *Rapport de la Mission de Police EUPOL RD Congo sur une possible action de soutien d'EUPOL au processus de stabilisation de l'est de la République Démocratique du Congo (RDC)* (doc. 8508/08 - RESTREINT UE), the mission's extended mandate of one year with a presence in the East of the DRC entered into effect.

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3. On 1 July 2009 and on the basis of the *Draft recommendation for the implementation of a "project cell" within the EUPOL RD Congo mission* (doc. 5796/09 - LIMITE UE), the CivCom advice thereof and the recommendations of RELEX Counselors on the implementation of a "project cell" within EUPOL RD Congo, as well as the *Recommendations on a Possible Way Forward for EUPOL RD Congo 2009* (doc. 6831/09 - RESTREINT UE) and the advice thereof, the mission's extended mandate of one further year with a presence in the East of the DRC entered into effect.
4. On 9 June 2009 the PSC endorsed the CivCom advice on the *Options Paper for strengthened ESDP action to combat sexual violence and impunity in the DRC* (doc. 10773/09 - LIMITE UE).
5. On 2 September 2009, CivCom agreed the Draft CONOPS for the extended EUPOL RD Congo 2009 / 2010 included sexual violence, as set out in doc. 12885/09 - RESTREINT UE.
6. On 8 September 2009, the PSC endorsed the CONOPS for the extended EUPOL RD Congo 2009 / 2010 included sexual violence, as set out in doc. 12885/09 - RESTREINT UE.
7. In these circumstances, the Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to:
 - endorse the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) for the extended ESDP SSR Police Mission and its interface with justice in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) 2009 / 2010 included sexual violence, as set out in doc. 12885/09 (RESTREINT UE);
 - recommend that the Council approves it at its meeting on 21 September as an "A"-item.