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References:

- A. Initiating Military Directive to the EU Operation Commander for the EU Military Operation EUFOR LIBYA (14154/07, dated 01 April 11)
- B. Op EUFOR Libya - Draft Concept of Operations and the Provisional Statement of Requirements (EUMS 4240/11, dated 10 April 2011)

A. INTRODUCTION AND AIM

1. On 01 April, the PSC approved the Initiating Military Directive (IMD) for Operation EUFOR Libya and tasked the Operation Commander (OpCdr) to develop the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) and a Provisional Statement of Requirement (PSOR).
2. The aim of this document is to provide Military Advice on Reference B.

B. ADVICE

3. The EUMC underlines that Operation EUFOR Libya is not a typical military operation and that the OpCdr has drafted a CONOPS that reflects the challenge he faces of being prepared to respond quickly to a possible request for support from OCHA where the detailed requirement(s), timing(s) and location(s) are all unknown. Therefore, the EUMC underlines that close coordination with OCHA is essential.
4. Within the context of the IMD, the EUMC considers that the draft CONOPS is a good basis for further planning. It identifies the need for both quick reaction and more deliberate options. The quick reaction options will require condensed decision making timelines at the Brussels level.

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5. The CONOPS is based on the assumption that EUFOR Libya will only deploy following a request from OCHA and that its actions will be in accordance with the UN Guidelines on the use of Military and Civil Defence Assets in Support of Humanitarian Activities and will not impact on the civilian, non-military nature of OCHA's operations.
6. EUFOR Libya's operation is to be impartial and independent of any armed or political faction and therefore consideration of how to deal with both pro- and anti-Gaddafi elements is required. EU messaging (Public Relation/Public Information and Information Operations) should underline that our actions are dedicated to the support of humanitarian assistance.
7. The fluid nature of the situation in Libya will necessitate a revision and an update of the Risk Assessment following any request from OCHA and prior to any deployment. In addition to Intelligence support from the European External Action Service, the OHQ will rely on regular and detailed Intelligence inputs from Member States. These will be required to support decision making, inform further planning and to provide Intelligence support to conduct the operations.
8. The EUMC notes that the OpCdr's planning will take into account a possible deterioration of the security situation, and encourages further planning with regard to a worst case scenario.
9. The EUMC stresses that close coordination with NATO will be key to de-conflict NATO's and EUFOR Libya's activities in accordance with Reference A.
10. The EUMC highlights that the CONOPS recognizes the need for Rules of Engagement (RoEs). In addition, the EUMC considers that RoEs should be extended to cover areas such as the protection of personnel of humanitarian agencies, humanitarian aid and civilians under attack in the vicinity of EUFOR Libya.

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11. The EUMC considers that, in the case of a quick reaction option, MS will need to place their capabilities on short notice to move in order to be able to react immediately to a request from OCHA, particularly in the provision of a light FHQ, a Maritime Task Group and/or strategic lift.
12. The EUMC notes that, on request, the EUMCC1 will assist TCNs in acquiring strategic lift assets through the MCCE2 and the AMSCC 3.
13. A number of detailed comments will be communicated to the OpCdr to inform further operational planning.

C. RECOMMENDATION

14. The PSC is invited to:
 - Agree this Military Advice;
 - Agree the CONOPS and forward it to the Council for approval in the light of this Military Advice.

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