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From : Secretariat
To : Permanent Representatives Committee / Council

Subject : Operational Plan (OPLAN) for the EU police mission undertaken in the framework of reform of the security sector (SSR) and its interface with the system of justice in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (EUPOL RD Congo)

1. On 1 July 2007 the EU police mission undertaken in the framework of reform of the security sector (SSR) and its interface with the system of justice in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (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 extended mandate of one year of the mission 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 Counsellors 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 extended mandate of one further year of the mission 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 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.
6. On 21 September 2009, the JAI Council approved the CONOPS for the extended EUPOL RD Congo 2009 / 2010 included sexual violence, as set out in doc. 12885/09 - RESTREINT UE.
7. On 2 October 2009, CivCom agreed the Operational Plan (OPLAN) for the EU police mission undertaken in the framework of reform of the security sector (SSR) and its interface with the system of justice in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (EUPOL RD Congo), as set out in doc. 14012/09 - RESTREINT UE.
8. On 6 October 2009, the PSC endorsed the Operational Plan (OPLAN) for the EU police mission undertaken in the framework of reform of the security sector (SSR) and its interface with the system of justice in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (EUPOL RD Congo), as set out in doc. 14012/09 - RESTREINT UE.

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9. In these circumstances, the Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to:
- endorse the Operational Plan (OPLAN) for the EU police mission undertaken in the framework of reform of the security sector (SSR) and its interface with the system of justice in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (EUPOL RD Congo) - *Plan Opérationnel (OPLAN) pour la mission de police menée dans le cadre de la PESD sur la réforme du secteur de la sécurité (RSS) et son interface avec la justice en République démocratique du Congo (RDC)*, as set out in doc. 14012/09 - RESTREINT UE;
 - recommend that the Council approves it at its meeting on 19 October as an "A"-item.
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