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Catherine ASHTON,
High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,
congratulates Henrik MALMQUIST on taking office as
Head of Mission of EUPOL COPPS

Catherine ASHTON, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, today congratulated Henrik MALMQUIST, from Sweden, on taking office as the new Head of Mission of the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories, EUPOL COPPS. He succeeds Paul Robert KERNAGHAN from the United Kingdom. The High Representative made the following comments:

"I would like to congratulate Henrik Malmquist on taking office as the new Head of Mission of EUPOL COPPS. I am sure he will lead this operation to further success. Mr Malmquist will have my full support and that of the EU as a whole.

Thanks to EUPOL COPPS, the Palestinian Authority has been able to take greater responsibility for law and order in the Palestinian Territories. This EU Police Mission is a very concrete example of the EU’s support to the Palestinian people and to building up Palestinian institutions.

I also want to warmly thank Paul Robert KERNAGHAN for the work he performed during his mandate."

Attached:
- CV of Henrik Malmquist
- Fact sheet on EUPOL COPPS
Commissioner Henrik MALMQUIST

Nationality: Swedish
Date of birth: 1962

EDUCATION
Masters of Law (LLM), Diploma in International Studies
Language skills: Swedish (native), English (fluent), German and Italian (fair), French (basic)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
Since January 2010  Head of Mission, EU Police Mission in the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS)
2009  Assigned by the Government as chairman of the Europol Ad Hoc Working Group for implementation of the Europol Council Decision during the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU
2004 - 2009  Director, Head of Regional CID
2003 - 2004  Liaison Officer and Head of the Swedish Desk at Europol, the Hague
2004  Trainer for the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Chinese Prosecutors Academy, Beijing
1999  Trainer for the Council of Europe, Police in Montenegro
1998 - 2003  Member of the Swedish delegation of the Baltic Sea Task Force; Chief of Criminal Police
1998  Service at prosecution authority
1996 - 1997  Police District Commissioner (acting)
1994 - 1995  Deputy Hear of International Police Affairs Division
1993 - 1994  Election Observer in Kenya
1991 - 1994  Basic police training and management training, including service at district court and prosecution authority

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EU Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS)

Mission background
The EU has been at the forefront of efforts for peace in the Middle East. Its priorities include further strengthening law and order, and in this context, EUPOL COPPS is an important element in the improvement of security in the Palestinian Territories. EUPOL COPPS, which started on 1 January 2006, builds on the work of the EU Co-ordination Office for Palestinian Police Support, established earlier within the office of the EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process. This initiative followed the expression by EU leaders in June 2004 of their readiness to support the Palestinian Authority in taking responsibility for law and order and, in particular, in improving its civil police and law enforcement capacity.

Mandate and objectives
The aim of the Mission is to contribute to the establishment of sustainable and effective policing arrangements and to advise Palestinian counterparts on criminal justice and rule of law related aspects under Palestinian ownership, in accordance with the best international standards and in co-operation with the EU institution-building programmes conducted by the European Commission and with other international efforts in the wider context of the security sector, including criminal justice reform.

Mission achievements
By improving the Palestinian Civil Police’s law enforcement capacity, EUPOL COPPS acts as a key channel for the efforts of the EU and the wider international community to support of the Palestinian Authority as it takes responsibility for law and order.
The European Union's European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) includes the gradual framing of a common defence policy which might in time lead to a common defence. The ESDP allows the Union to develop its civilian and military capacities for crisis management and conflict prevention at international level, thus helping to maintain peace and international security, in accordance with the United Nations Charter. The ESDP includes a strong conflict prevention component.

Based in Brussels, the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) is the permanent structure responsible for an autonomous operational conduct of civilian ESDP operations. Under the political control and strategic direction of the Political and Security Committee and the overall authority of the High Representative, the CPCC ensures the effective planning and conduct of civilian ESDP crisis management operations, as well as the proper implementation of all mission-related tasks.

More information and background documents available on: www.consilium.europa.eu/esdp

The main achievements of the mission include:

- providing support to the Palestinian Civil Police for immediate operational priorities and longer-term transformational change as described in the Palestinian Civil Police Development Programme;
- advising and closely mentoring the Palestinian Civil Police, and specifically senior officials at District and Headquarters level;
- co-ordinating and facilitating financial assistance, whether from EU countries or other international donors, to the Palestinian Civil Police.
- Advising, programme planning and project facilitation for the Palestinian Criminal Justice Sector.

Projects have included the provision of training and equipment for the Palestinian Civil Police.

"EUPOL COPPS is an expression of the EU's continued readiness to support the Palestinian Authority in complying with its Roadmap obligations, in particular with regard to ‘security’ and ‘institution building’ (…).

Furthermore, the support of the EU to the Palestinian Civil Police aims at increasing the safety and security of the Palestinian population and at serving the domestic agenda of the Palestinian Authority in reinforcing the rule of law."

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