

**D-AF\_PV(2013)0320****MINUTES**

of the meeting of 20 March 2013, from 09.00 to 10.00  
Brussels

The joint meeting opened at 09:10 on Wednesday, 20 March 2013, with Mr Thijs Berman in the Chair. No other MEP was present nor joined in the course of the meeting.

**1. Adoption of the draft agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

**2. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 20 February 2013**

The minutes were adopted.

**3. Chair's announcements**

Noting that he was the only MEP in attendance, the Chair stated that the way the Delegation functioned had become unacceptable. Since its set-up at the beginning of the legislature, the Delegation had repeatedly tried to travel to Afghanistan.

His Afghan counterparts from the Wolesi Jirga had also repeatedly invited the Delegation. This young Parliament was aware that it needed capacity-building and know-how exchange. Democracy support was an important component of the EU efforts in Afghanistan. Andreas Fischer-Barnicol, Afghanistan Desk Officer specified that a reference to inter-parliamentary exchanges should be included in the Cooperation

Agreement on Partnership and Development (CAPD) currently negotiated between the EU and Afghanistan.

The Chair stated that the security considerations which had been put forward to reject the mission requests were unfounded; many high-level visits did take place to Kabul. Mr. Hansjörg Haber, Director of the EU Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC), confirmed that, EUPOL Afghanistan could offer full security for a visit of the EUPOL mission, and, if the Delegation chose to visit a provincial presence, there as well.

The Chair intended to write to relevant EP authorities to ask that Delegation be allowed to travel, and that, otherwise, he would resign from Chair and would suggest to abolish the Delegation. After the meeting, the Chair instructed the Secretariat to draft a letter to that end.

Mr Berman confirmed the date for the SEDE meeting in which there will be a debate on Afghanistan to be on 24 April, 16:00-18:00. Among the invitees, EUSR Vygaudas Usackas, HoD/EU Special Representative, the Head of the EUPOL mission, Karl Åke Roghe the Eurocorps chief, général Olivier de Bavinchove and a NATO representative.

He also informed the Members of the video conference organised by ENNA (European Network of NGOs in Afghanistan) on the issue "Making the Tokyo framework happen" on 26 March, from 09h30 till 15h00.

#### **4. Exchange of views on EUPOL Afghanistan: record, state of play and prospects**

Mr. Hansjörg Haber, Director Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability offered an overview of EUPOL Afghanistan. The mandate of the mission was to contribute to the establishment of the Afghan National Police (ANP) under Afghan ownership.

Although the total contingent had not reached the 400 personnel target (there were 336 staff from 23 EU countries, and 4 from Croatia & Canada), Mr. Haber noted a high willingness of the Member States to contribute. The EUPOL mandate should be extended until end-2014. Beyond 2014, the EU should continue to support Afghanistan in the field of civilian policing & rule of law, but the modalities had not yet been decided upon. The EEAS & COM should table an option paper to the PSC this spring.

Whereas the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan was training the rank-and-file, EUPOL efforts concentrated on the top of the police hierarchy. Focus was on training the trainers.

Given the circumstances, the mission record was good. But the overall environment was very difficult:

- whereas professionalization of the ANP was EUPOL's focus, the ANP itself was focused on counter-insurgency, where it was doing more than the army;
- Cooperation with Interior Minister Mujtaba Patang and the top echelons was good, but the lower echelons were poorly educated and trained.
- the link between police & justice was a field where EU excelled; but it was very difficult to get EU judicial experts to work for EUPOL, and the extensive support to the police had ever been matched by a symmetrical support to the judiciary; the Afghan judiciary was currently in a very poor state, and corruption was widespread.
- since security of EU personnel relied on Provincial Reconstruction Teams, their closure forced EUPOL to close down most of its field offices. By the end of this year, only 4 would remain: Mazar e-Sharif, Herat, Kandahar & Lashkar Gah.

By end-2014, the mandate of EUPOL would not have been completed; at best, the ANP would need another 4-5 years of training, that is, if the parameters did not change. The May 2012 Chicago Summit on Afghanistan had estimated that 4,2 billion USD per year would be required for security, but the money had not yet been pledged.

The presentation was followed by an exchange between the Chair, Mr. Haber, and Mr. Andreas Fischer-Barnicol, Afghanistan Desk Officer, who insisted on the importance of political reconciliation for the sustainability of the effort. In this regard also, the 2014 presidential elections would be crucial.

Ms. Abeda Osman, Counsellor at the Afghan Embassy, also offered some comments on the necessary links between aid effectiveness, counter-trafficking, and peace-building.

## **5. Any other business**

No issues raised under this point.

## **6. Date and place of the next meeting**

Members were informed that the next meeting of the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan would be announced electronically.

The meeting closed at 09.50.

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