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**Catherine ASHTON,
High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,
congratulates Francisco DÍAZ ALCANTUD on taking office as
Head of Mission of EUJUST LEX (Iraq)**

Catherine ASHTON, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, today congratulated Francisco DÍAZ ALCANTUD, a colonel in the Spanish Guardia Civil, on taking office as the new Head of Mission of EUJUST LEX (Iraq). He succeeds Stephen WHITE from the United Kingdom. The High Representative made the following comments:

"I would like to congratulate Francisco Díaz on taking office as the new Head of the EU Integrated Rule of Law Mission for Iraq, EUJUST LEX.

His excellent background, his management skills and the extensive experience he acquired both in Spain and in international positions make him most suitable for taking on the challenges facing the mission. Mr Díaz Alcantud can count on my full support and that of the EU as a whole.

I also want to seize this opportunity to express my most sincere gratitude to Stephen White, who was the EUJUST LEX Head of Mission since 2005. Throughout his mandate he did an outstanding job. The mission broke new ground and developed in an impressive manner with activities being now held not only in Member States but some also in Iraq. I am sure that the new Head of Mission will build on his predecessor's achievements."

Attached:

- CV of Francisco Díaz Alcantud
- Fact sheet on EUJUST LEX

Colonel Francisco Díaz Alcantud

Nationality: Spanish

Date of birth: 1957



EDUCATION

Degree on Police Studies; Degree on Military and Police Studies;

Masters degree in Artificial Intelligence; Masters degree in Computing

Language skills: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (good), Italian (good), Portuguese (good)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since January 2010	Head of Mission, European Union Integrated Rule of Law Mission for Iraq (EUJUST LEX)
August - December 2009	General Staff of Spanish Guardia Civil Main HQ
June 2005 - August 2009	Chief of the Operations Branch - European Gendarmerie Force Permanent HQ, Italy
June 2001 - June 2005	Senior Police Officer - Police Unit, Council of the EU
September 1998 - June 2001	International Co-operation Secretariat of the Guardia Civil Main HQ
January 2000	Participation in Working Group on Contingent Owned Equipment - Phase V, New York (under the aegis of UN)
1999	Participation in several Assessment Teams in Albania and Kosovo
September 1992 - August 1998	Chief of Staff - Training Directorate, Guardia Civil Main HQ
July 1997 - July 1998	Chief of Staff - ATPRM Project, Technical Assistance Mission for Police Restructuration in Mozambique
April - May 1996	Participation in Assessment Team in Guatemala, with the aim to define Police Restructuration Project
September 1995 - January 1996	Chief of Logistics - WEU Embargo Mission, Former Yugoslavia
September 1985 - August 1992	System Analyst - Computing Service, Guardia Civil Main HQ
April - September 1985	Unit Commander - Traffic Police Provincial Unit
August 1981 - March 1985	Basic Policing Unit Commander - Las Palmas Guardia Civil Provincial Command
August 1980 - August 1981	Basic Policing Unit Commander - Vizcaya Guardia Civil Provincial Command



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EU Integrated Rule of Law Mission for Iraq (EUJUST LEX)

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Mission background

EUJUST LEX is a civilian crisis management operation conducted under the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP).

The EU started planning the operation following consultations with the Iraqi interim authorities and on the basis of a report by a team of experts, as part of the implementation of the EU programme of action for Iraq presented in November 2004.

The operational phase of the EUJUST LEX mission started on 1 July 2005 following an invitation to the EU by the Prime Minister of the elected Iraqi Interim Government, Ibrahim al-Jaafari, to commence training activities for Iraqi rule of law professionals. During a meeting with the Head of Mission on 18 June 2006, the current Iraqi Prime Minister, Nouri al-Maliki, also extended his welcome to and support for the mission and its activities. The Prime Minister met the High Representative Javier Solana on 16 April 2008 and again requested continued support through the activities of EUJUST LEX.

Stephen White was appointed as first Head of Mission of EUJUST LEX in March 2005. He was succeeded by Francisco Díaz Alcantud in January 2010.

MISSION FACTS AND FIGURES

Theatre: **EU member states**
Headquarters: **Brussels**
Starting Date: **1 July 2005**
Head of Mission: **Francisco Díaz Alcantud**
Mission strength: **53 EU staff**
Mission budget: **Estimated total EUR 40 m**
Contributing states: **EU member states**



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From the outset, the Head of Mission set three guiding principles for all staff to adhere to.

These are:

- Security is paramount
- Iraqi involvement at every stage
- Flexibility and responsiveness to Iraqi needs

Most of the EUJUST LEX team is based in the coordination office in Brussels. The Mission also has a vitally important liaison team in Baghdad.

EUJUST LEX is the EU's first integrated rule of law mission. Following the third extension of its program of operations, the Council of the EU agreed on 24 March 2009 that the EUJUST LEX mission would be extended again until 30 June 2010, including a pilot phase in Iraq.



Former Head of Mission, Stephen White, with Iraqi Prime Minister AL-MALIKI in Baghdad

Mandate and objectives

EUJUST LEX was established to strengthen the rule of law and promote a culture of respect for human rights in Iraq and it provides professional development opportunities for senior Iraqi officials from the criminal justice system. The core aim is to foster confidence, mutual respect and operational cooperation between the different branches of the Iraqi criminal justice system (police, judiciary and penitentiary).

Courses and work experience secondments are being held at present in EU member states. They offer learning opportunities and demonstrate best practice in the rule of law. In addition, the Mission's activities facilitate an exchange of views between the EU trainers and the Iraqi participants. During the previous phase some preliminary events were held in the region and in some parts of Iraq. During the current period, until the end of June 2010 the mission will carry out pilot projects in Iraq, as and where conditions allow, to build on the results achieved so far **and make them more sustainable**.

"The European Council agreed that the EU could usefully contribute to the reconstruction and the emergence of a stable, secure and democratic Iraq through an integrated mission, which could *inter alia* promote closer collaboration between the different actors across the criminal justice system and strengthen the management capacity of senior and high-potential officials from the police, judiciary and penitentiary and improve skills and procedures in criminal investigation in full respect for the rule of law and human rights."

**COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2005/190/CFSP of 7 March 2005
on the European Union Integrated Rule of Law Mission for Iraq, EUJUST LEX**

Mission achievements

The mission is meeting its objectives beyond expectations: by December 2009, 2975 Iraqi judges, investigating magistrates, senior police and penitentiary officers in senior management positions had participated in 111 integrated and specialist courses 21 practical work experience secondments and in country training activities. To date, most training has taken place in EU member states and was carried out on the basis of common curricula developed to continue meeting the specific needs of the Iraqi criminal justice system while maintaining a focus on human rights. In addition to the EU based training events, the mission has already delivered 3 preliminary and 6 in-country pilot activities training more than 500 students. More preliminary training activities and another 12 pilot projects are expected to be conducted by the end of June 2010. In addition, the mission will continue its activities in the Member States – courses and work experience secondments

An amount of EUR 30 million from the EU budget covered the common costs of the mission until mid-2008, and, a further EUR 10 million has been allocated for the period until the end June 2010.



*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.*

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