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## *A message from the Acting Head of Mission*

Mid-February, the Mission had the honor of receiving the delegation of the Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management. The delegation visited EUPOL COPPS and EUBAM Rafah, and listened to the views of the Missions' counterparts, partners and local authorities on the support provided.

Last week, I was also glad to witness the launching of the Palestinian Civil Police Gender Strategy by Major General Hazem Attallah, Chief of the Palestinian Civil Police. We praised the Major General Hazim Attallah for showing commitment and leadership in continuing to put gender equality high on the agenda of the Palestinian Civil Police.

## EU Member States representatives visit EUPOL COPPS and EUBAM Rafah missions

Delegates from European Union Member States concluded a three-day visit to the Palestinian territory and Israel. The objective was to visit EUPOL COPPS and EUBAM Rafah, and hear the views of the Missions' counterparts, partners and local authorities on the support provided by those missions. The Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management (CivCom) visit to EUPOL COPPS and EUBAM Rafah allowed its

delegates to meet with the Missions' members, their counterparts and take stock of the mandate implementation by the two Missions. The delegation was headed by the CivCom Chair, Ms. Jana Kalimonova from the European External Action Service (EEAS). The delegation is composed of 28 delegates representing the EU member states in addition to eight officials from EEAS. Several meetings also took place with representatives

from the civil society, the Criminal justice institutions and the Chief of the Palestinian Civil Police.



## Workshop on Forensic Shooting Scene Reconstruction



EUPOL COPPS Police adviser and Justice Sector Assistance Project delivered a two-day training session on 'Forensic Shooting Scene Reconstruction' for 18 Pal-

estinian Civil Police Officers to further enhance their capabilities on this field of expertise. The training, which was held in the Jericho-based Palestinian Academy for Police Sciences, was delivered to officers coming from several West Bank districts, in addition to officers from Automated Finger Print Identification System and

Forensic Laboratory. In order to achieve professional forensic shooting scene reconstruction, the examiner must have a specific knowledge and experience in many areas in order to reconstruct comprehensively shooting incidents. The participants focused on the properties of firearms and ammunitions, external and terminal ballistics, as well as on the reconstructive aspects of trajectories.

## Palestinian police launch its gender strategy



Major General Hazem Atallah, Chief of the Palestinian Civil Police, launched the Palestinian Civil Police Gender Strategy. The 5-year strategy – first of its kind in the Arab States and in the Palestinian security sector – is a culmination of the past

years' efforts of the Palestinian police to promote gender equality in the police and in its services to the society. Developed with the participation of the Palestinian Civil Police related departments and national stakeholders, under the supervision of the project's steering committee, and in coordination with UN Women – under the UNDP/UN Women

Sawasya Programme, and with technical support from EUPOL COPPS, the comprehensive and innovative action framework proposes a clear and budgeted work plan to tackle recruitment and retention policies, design of facilities, training, and enhanced cooperation to promote more women in the police career.

CivCom is a working party of the Council gathering representatives of the 28 EU Member States. It provides advice and recommendations to the Political and Security Committee of the European Union on civilian aspects of crisis management.

## Workshop on Code of Conduct for Palestinian Police

EUPOL COPPS and the Palestinian Civil Police held a Training of Trainers workshop on the Code of Conduct for 11 officers representing the districts of the West Bank. The three-day event, which was organized in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme, targeted the officers who work for the political and guidance department and was delivered

by the PCP training administration. The PCP penned the curriculum in close coordination with EUPOL COPPS Mission. The training will be enrolled in all 11 districts in March, and will continue until all PCP officers are trained on the Code of Conduct. The training is meant to further enhance the accountability within the Police, an area of the

utmost importance for EUPOL COPPS Mission and for the Palestinian citizens.

