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A message from the Acting Head of Mission

On 8th of March, we celebrated the International Women's Day, a day to honor the worldwide achievements made by women and men to support gender equality.

EUPOL COPPS and its Palestinian partners in the Security and Justice sectors are developing and implementing gender oriented policies. They are also supporting the development of institutions with the goal to prevent and combat violence against women and children.

I personally welcome the efforts exerted by the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) and by the criminal justice institutions and the progress they achieved in empowering women. "EUPOL COPPS is strongly committed to continue its cooperation with its Palestinian partners to promote gender equality, and to strengthen the operational work of the police and justice sector institutions within the area of gender-based violence."

Training on Code of Conduct for Palestinian Civil Police Officers

The Palestinian Civil Police officers from the political and moral guidance department of all 11 districts received a three days Train of Trainers on the Code of Conduct, which was organized by EUPOL COPPS in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The training was meant to further enhance accountability within the Police and ensure that all offices in every district of the West Bank is

aware of the Code of Conduct, including rights and responsibilities towards the public. Beginning in March, the trainers from the Political and Moral Guidance department have begun the training on the Code of Conduct and Ethics in the districts, starting with Jericho, followed with Toubas, Jenin, Tulkarem, Salfit and Qalqilia. The PCP drafted the curriculum

in close coordination with the EUPOL COPPS Mission, and will continue until all PCP officers are trained on the Code of Conduct.



EUPOL COPPS facilitates study trip of Palestinian Judges and Chief Prosecutor to Jordan



EUPOL COPPS facilitated a study trip to Jordan for four Palestinian judges and one chief prosecutor. The objective was for the at-

tendees to familiarize with the Jordanian experience and knowledge in the field of judicial inspection. During the four-day event, the representatives from the Judicial Inspection Department of the High Judicial Council and the Attorney General Office exchanged views with Jordanian counterparts

on the latest techniques in conducting judicial inspection. The aim of the study trip, which included visits to courts in the cities of Al-Zarqa, Al-Salt, Amman and to the Jordanian Judicial Inspection Department, is to further empower the Palestinian justice institutions to effectively perform assigned roles and responsibilities. The Jordanian experience is very relevant as both Jordanians and Palestinians are sharing similar legislations.

EUPOL COPPS Coordinates a Study Trip on Accreditation to Netherlands



Six staff members of the Ministry of Justice concluded a study trip to the Netherlands to study the existing Dutch Accreditation System to professionalize forensic experts. During the four-day trip for the members of the working group on the Accredita-

tion of Forensic Experts who were accompanied by three EUPOL COPPS advisers, the team visited a number of administrations, starting with The Netherlands Register of Forensic Experts (NRGD) in Utrecht, where all Forensic Experts file their documents to be recognized and accredited as an expert in which the assessment takes place and after

having their name registered as a forensic expert and where police, prosecutors, defense lawyers and judges can request for independent scientific investigations in a criminal case. EUPOL COPPS advisers believe that this is the way a Palestinian accreditation system should work in the future as well.

The European Union is dedicated to the goals set in the 1325 United Nation's Council Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security, in which EUPOL COPPS plays a pivotal role within its mandate in the West Bank.

EUPOL COPPS and Palestinian Police officers participate in a study visit to Spain

Three members from the Palestinian Civil Police Traffic Administration and a EUPOL COPPS delegation participated in a five-day study visit to Spain to enhance their capabilities on conducting casualty road collision investigations. The objective of the visit was to strengthen the capacity of the Palestinian Civil Police Traffic Administration to

properly conduct casualty road collision investigations and better manage large-scale traffic events in the West Bank by looking at EU practices. During the five-day study visit, participants visited the Guardia Civil Traffic Department in Madrid where and met with the operations department. They were briefed on

the ongoing information-led operation that focused on reducing road casualties on Spanish's roads.



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