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A message from the Head of Mission

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to meet with several EUPOL COPPS partners in the past few weeks. I had the honour to meet Minister of Justice, Chief of Palestinian Civil Police, the Attorney General, Chief Justice and many other key counterparts. During these meetings, I had discussed future co-operation between us. I am looking forward to further enhance our cooperation to better support the Palestinian police and the criminal justice institutions. My team and I will build on the good work that the Mission has been doing for the past 10 years. We have a lot of work ahead of us. Let's roll up our sleeves.

New Head of EUPOL COPPS Mission takes up duties

Mr. Kauko Aaltomaa, a high-ranking official in the Finnish Ministry of Interior, took up his duties as Head of the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS). Mr. Kenneth Deane, Director, Civilian Planning & Conduct Capability/Civilian Operations, introduced the new Head of Mission to staff members. Mr. Aaltomaa told his team that "EUPOL COPPS family will work hard to serve

the Palestinian counterparts". He has worked for 37 years in the Finnish Police and the Ministry of the Interior. Before assuming his new post, he was working as Director General in the Police Department of the Ministry of the Interior in Finland, where his responsibilities include strategic performance guidance of the Finnish Police and Security Intelligence Service. During his career, Aaltomaa has

worked as the Police Commissioner of the Provincial Police Command of Southern Finland. He has also worked in UN missions in the Middle East.



EUPOL COPPS delivers trainings on Right to a Fair Trial



EUPOL COPPS concluded an extensive training on Fair Trial for Palestinian Bar Association in six West Bank districts to further enhance the capabilities of

163 Palestinian lawyers on Fair Trial, including 65 female lawyers. The sessions in the districts of Bethlehem, Nablus, Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm and Hebron started in February and were concluded in October. The method of the training has been to introduce participants – both practitioners and trainees – to various

criminal cases. The training which was delivered by EUPOL COPPS, touched upon several topics such as the right to a counsel in the early stages of a criminal investigation and on the right of the accused to be informed of the charges in the beginning of the preliminary investigation or the setting of some other hearing, which gives rise to a clear official suspicion against the accused.

Palestinian Police Officers performed kidnapping and hostage taking drills



Palestinian Civil Police officers performed a kidnapping and hostage-taking scenario training in Bethlehem, supported by EUPOL COPPS police advisers. Sixty police officers from the Central Operations Room took part in the drill, which was attended by all heads of Operations Rooms, representing all 11

West Bank districts. EUPOL COPPS police advisers provided support and advice to PCP Central Ops throughout the process from planning to implementing and finally evaluating each scenario training. The aim of the scenario training is to enhance the capabilities of the participants in handling kidnapping and hostage-taking situation. The

concept and implementation of scenario training is a result of a close co-operation between EUPOL COPPS and PCP Central Operations Department. EUPOL COPPS provides support and advice to PCP Central Ops throughout the process from planning to implementing and finally evaluating each scenario training.

E-learning is an educational interactive tool. It is used to convey, gain initial basic knowledge of a subject. E-learning, can provide the participants with the same basic and necessary knowledge they need before a teacher-led course.

Palestinian Judicial Institute delivers training on E-learning

The Palestinian Judicial Institute (PJI), in cooperation with EUPOL COPPS and the Swedish National Courts Administration (SNCA), delivered a training on E-learning in Ramallah to judges and chief prosecutors who work as trainers for the PJI as well as to PJI management and its Board of Directors. The two train-

ers came from the SNCA, which also financed the training, while EUPOL COPPS supported with planning, translation and interpretation services. A total of 19 trainees participated in the training as well as 5 Mission members. The objective of the training was to introduce the participants to the concepts of E-learning in

order for the PJI to be able to develop and use this educational tool in the future.

