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EU Military Exercise 2010 (MILEX 10) to be conducted from 16 to 25 June 2010

The European Union (EU) will conduct its fifth military exercise (MILEX 10)¹ from 16 to 25 June 2010 in the framework of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

MILEX 10 is an EU military exercise focusing on key military aspects of crisis management. It will concentrate on the interaction between the EU Operation Headquarters (OHQ) in Potsdam (Germany) and the EU Force Headquarters (FHQ) in Toulon (France), in the context of an autonomous EU-led military operation.

MILEX 10 will be based on a fictitious crisis scenario which supports the need for a joint military operation that requires the deployment of a military force, comprising land and air components. The exercise scenario is based on a conflict between three fictitious countries (RHODANIA, ACADIA and ALISIA). An EU Mission is already present in theatre, in order to support the international organisations and NGOs dealing with the humanitarian crisis in the border area between ALISIA and ACADIA. The exercise scenario will support the need for an autonomous EU-led operation which will require the deployment of military forces, with the mission of stabilization and reconstruction of ACADIA and ALISIA, as authorised by a UN Security Council Resolution.

Although generic, the exercise scenario will be based on elements that have featured in many conflicts and contains sufficient hypothetical, political and military information to provide a realistic context for the assessment of events.

MILEX 10 will be coordinated in Brussels, under the direction of the EU Military Committee (EUMC), supported by the EU Military Staff (EUMS), and under the guidance of the EU's Political and Security Committee (PSC).

¹ The first Military Exercise (MILEX 05) was conducted in November 2005, the second MILEX 07 including the first activation of the EU OpsCentre in Brussels was conducted in June 2007, the third Military Exercise (MILEX 08) was conducted in June 2008, the last Military Exercise (MILEX 09) was conducted in June 2009

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The exercise will be conducted in Potsdam (EU OHQ) and in Toulon (EU FHQ). Some 340 "players" and supporting personnel are expected to take part. No troops will be deployed in the exercise.

The Council decision to schedule MILEX 10 is carried out under the operational authority of the High Representative, Catherine Ashton. The Director General of the EUMS, Lieutenant General van Osch, is responsible for preparing the implementation of the exercise. The appointed commanders for the exercise are Rear Admiral Klaus von Dambrowski (Operation Commander) and Rear Admiral Alain Hinden (Force Commander).

Representatives of NATO staff, the UN, the OSCE, as well as the non-EU European NATO Members and other countries which are candidates for accession to the EU, the African Union, Canada, Russia, Ukraine, the United States and the Mediterranean Partners, will be invited to information briefings about the exercise.
