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Delegations will find attached the Military Advice on the EEAS/ Commission services' issues paper suggesting parameters for a concept on Stabilisation as part of the EU Integrated Approach to external conflicts and crises, as agreed by the EUMC on 09 January 2018, by silence procedure.

The PSC is invited to note this advice and to consider its recommendations.

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References:

- A. Treaty on the European Union (consolidated version) (Official Journal C 202) (07 June 2016)
- B. The Integrated Approach to external conflicts and crises (ST 10054/17) (7 June 2017)
- C. Council Conclusions on the Global Strategy on the European Union's Foreign and Security Policy (ST 13202/16) (17 October 2016)
- D. Council Conclusions on implementing the EU Global Strategy in the area of Security and Defence (ST 14149/16) (14 November 2016)
- E. EEAS/Commission services' issues paper suggesting parameters for a concept on Stabilisation as part of the EU Integrated Approach to external conflicts and crises.
- F. Military Input to the EU wide Strategic Framework for Security Sector Reform (ST 7296/16 18 March 2016)
- G. Military Input on "Military Advisors in EU Delegations" (ST 6584/17, 21 February 2017)

A. INTRODUCTION

- 1. On 13 December 2017, the PSC was briefed on the EEAS/ Commission issues paper on Stabilisation as part of the EU Integrated Approach to conflicts and crises.
- 2. MS welcomed the joint EEAS/ Commission services' issues paper, expressed support to the document and asked to further develop proposals, regarding possible Council conclusions on the Integrated Approach in January 2018.
- 3. The PSC agreed to task Nicolaidis preparatory body to examine the paper in cooperation with CIVCOM, PMG, EUMC and CODEV.
- 4. The EUMC welcomes the EEAS/ Commission services' issues paper on Stabilisation and is pleased to take the opportunity to comment on the military aspects and possible military implications.
- 5. This submission comprises the requested Military Advice on the EEAS/Commission services' issues paper on Stabilisation.

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B. CONSIDERATIONS

6. The EUMC supports the EEAS/ Commission services' issues paper suggesting parameters for a concept on Stabilisation as part of the EU Integrated Approach to external conflicts and crises and takes the opportunity to comment on the military-related aspects and implications. In this context the EUMC acknowledges this paper as an additional but not yet finalized step to implement rules and regulations related to crisis management efforts undertaken by EU entities in case of conflicts and crises affecting the Union and Member States.
7. The EUMC agrees with the inclusion of Stabilisation actions as part of the EU Integrated Approach to conflicts and crises and confirms the need to further elaborate a Stabilisation concept.
8. The EUMC emphasises the potential impact of the military instruments to all stages of stabilisation in instable and insecure settings within CSDP activities.
9. The EUMC acknowledges the need to deepen the understanding of how the EU should approach stabilisation efforts and confirms the need that these efforts should be supported by the provision of required capabilities (mil – civ), with due consideration to the basics of military employment of assets and command and control arrangements, to cover the whole crisis management spectrum, including contingencies.

III. Definition

10. The EUMC suggests that further examination is required to clarify the proposed definition of Stabilisation. Firstly, the nature of the stabilisation actions is not necessarily swift, as the stabilisation process could be cumbersome in its planning, implementation and execution. Secondly, it is suggested to emphasise that the actions, considered as integrated, are aimed at creating conditions and helping countries and/or communities to prevent further escalation of violence with the immediate goal of the cessation of violence activities.

IV. Guiding Principles

Ref E, para 1. Address complex political and security situations.

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28. The EUMC, confirms its engagement in the assessment to the PSC of military implications of any new arrangement in support of the implementation of the Integrated Approach.
 29. The PSC is invited to note this advice and to consider its recommendations.
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