

TERMS OF REFERENCE

EU Liaison and planning Cell at the EU DEL Tripoli

BACKGROUND

The United Nations continues to lead international efforts in support of the peace process in Libya, including through facilitating political dialogue under the auspices of UN Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) and the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL).

The EU reaffirmed its support to the work of the United Nations at the Foreign Affairs Council on 17 March 2015. In addition, the Council invited "the High Representative to present as soon as possible proposals on possible CSDP activities in support of the security arrangements, in close coordination with the UN, Libya, key partners and regional actors, as part of a wider set of policy options in the context of an updated Political Framework for Crisis Approach, to be developed by the High Representative and the Commission."

Representatives of CMPD, UNSMIL, EU Delegation, FR, the UK, and the US held informal consultations on 11-13 March 2015 in Tunis to discuss the developments in Libya and further coordinate their efforts. These ToRs are further informed by discussions held between CMPD and UNSMIL on 23 March 2015. According to UNSMIL, their mission's focus will remain at the political level supporting the creation of a Government of National Unity (GNU). A national cease-fire is not considered realistic at this point and attention is being focused instead on local cease-fires across Libya (bottom-up approach) in parallel to the formation of a GNU.

WAY FORWARD

In line with the above, the EEAS has established an EU Liaison and Planning Cell (Cell) in Tunis in order to liaise and provide support to UNSMIL where relevant as well as to liaise with Libyan and other international stakeholders present in Tunis. The Cell's aim is to inform planning for a potential CSDP engagement in Libya in line with Council Conclusions of 17th March, 2015. Accordingly, CMPD receives and processes the information from the Cell and will continue to lead the planning process in Brussels.

Contributions in the form of Voluntary National Contributions (VNC) will be sought from MS to provide continuity. Contribution to the Cell will also be requested from the European Gendarmerie Force (EGF) to allow a focus on Gendarme capacities to be factored into planning.

TASKS

- i. EU Liaison and Planning Cell: Under the leadership of Head of the EU DEL Tripoli (relocated in Tunis), the Cell will be headed by the Delegation's Security and Defence Advisor¹ (currently Brigadier General Maurizio Caso), and consist of up to 4 planning experts (excluding the leader). The experts must have a military/gendarmerie background, ideally with experience from the region. Working level of Arabic and experience of Libya would be assets.
 - Liaise with UNSMIL and provide planning support upon request
 - Liaise with Libyan authorities, relevant Libyan interlocutors and international stakeholders
 - Under the authority of Head of EU Delegation, report to Brussels' Planning team
- ii. Brussels' planning:

CMPD will maintain a close contact with the Cell and will be responsible for processing incoming information and conduct prudent planning while ensuring the flow of information within the EEAS and EC as required.

 1. Command and Control: the Head of the Cell will agree the tasking and daily management procedures with the Head of EU Delegation Tripoli and will remain in close contact with CMPD.
 2. Reporting: the Head of the Cell will report through the Head of EU Delegation Tripoli and will maintain a functional reporting line to CMPD.
 3. Timing: It is anticipated the Cell will operate for the initial period of six months to be reviewed in line with the evolving situation.
 4. Costs: EEAS Administrative Budget/EGF budget will provide for the initial operating period. Costs for VNCs will be covered by their respective Member States. These will include accommodation, flights to and from Tunis and missions, repatriation/high-risk insurance, local transportation, laptops, mobile telephones, local phone cards etc. (i.e. 'costs lie where they fall').
 5. Location duty of care/diplomatic status/logistics support: The Cell will be located in Tunis and all experts (i.e. those from the EEAS and VNCs) will benefit from accident/death insurance via EEAS whilst in Tunis. However, VNCs will have to arrange their own insurance via their Member States if required to travel on missions outside of Tunis. Such missions could be envisaged in Morocco (to support the current political dialogue) and in Europe. However, arrangements for possible relocation of the Cell to Libya and missions

¹ The delegation currently has two security advisors, a defence and a police advisor.

to Libya (if appropriate) will be addressed separately. In order to obtain the privileges of the Vienna Convention, VNCs must also be notified through the Embassy of their Member State in Tunisia. Visa arrangements remain the responsibility of the individual and their Member State.