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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF PSC AMBASSADORS

Subject: 2nd Call for Contribution for the team of EUSR Afghanistan

I would like to draw your attention to the extension of the deadline for the 2nd Call for Contributions for the team of the office of the EUSR Afghanistan until 17th of March 2017, 17.00 Brussels time.

Following the publication of the Council Decision (CFSP) 2017 / 289 of 17 February 2017 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015 / 2005 extending the Mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Afghanistan, the EUSR Mandate was extended for a further period of 6 (six) months in the period from 1 March 2017 to 31 August 2017.

The amended EUSR Mandate incorporates the uplifting of a team of International Police Experts which will be supported by national counterparts and both international and national staff office reinforcements.

The police advisers will be crucial in moving forward the Security Sector Reform Agenda, fostering the rule of law and promoting respect for human rights, all of which were presents a key objectives of the EU's strategy for Afghanistan 2014-16 and will remain ore EUSR priorities for 2017.

The positions are also of paramount importance in light of the EU's efforts to achieve a comprehensive approach. This is because the police expert advisor positions will reinforce the EUSR office's efforts to build upon the achievements of the EU's CSDP mission EUPOL Afghanistan, particularly in the areas of justice, rule of law and anti-corruption.

I hope that Member States will be able to support EUSR Office's work in implementing the EUSR Mandate through the secondment of suitable, qualified and motivated policing and prosecution experts to the EUSR Office in Kabul.

Yours sincerely,

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