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To all Representatives to the PSC

Dear Colleagues,

Publication of the position of CSDP Head of Mission EUBAM Rafah

I am writing to you in reference to the European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EUBAM Rafah). As you are aware, the mandate of the last incumbent, Mr. Gerhard SCHLAUDRAFF came to an end on 30 June 2014. Since that time, the Mission remains led by an Acting Head of Mission.

Against this background, I would hereby like to invite Member States to nominate candidates for the position of the Head of Mission for EUBAM Rafah, commensurate with the qualities, skills and attributes indicated below.

The position of EUBAM Rafah Head of the Mission requires a person with solid track record and extensive experience in the field of Border Policing and Customs, including experience at senior level. The position is also open for applicants with a solid crisis management or diplomatic background and experience in CSDP or in other international missions and of an adequate level of seniority. Strong planning and management skills are required, and a proven capacity to engage in effective multilateral coordination is also important. An understanding of the functioning of the European Union, particularly in the field of the Common Foreign, Security and Defence Policy and its applicable procedures, and an understanding of the broader European policies in the Middle East are requisite. Leadership experience and a good understanding of the political context in which the mission operates are key requirements. Also required is the ability to effectively handle complex situations within acute time pressures, as well as the ability to communicate and negotiate effectively in a multinational context.

Additionally, the applicant would be required to maintain close contacts with the other CSPD mission in Palestine (EUPOL COPPS) as well as to closely liaise with the Head of the EU Delegation in Tel Aviv and with the EU Representative to the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Candidates should be available to take up the position of Head of Mission as soon as possible.

On the basis of the CVs received, a selection board, chaired by me, will shortlist and interview applicants, evaluating their professional merits, experience and management skills. Thereafter the High Representative will propose a candidate to the Political and Security Committee. I would appreciate if the CVs of the proposed candidates could be sent to the Civilian Operations Commander, Kenneth Deane (Mariana.OSIHN@ccas.europa.eu), no later than 6 March 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long vertical stroke at the end, positioned above the printed name.

Maciej POPOWSKI