

# EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



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To all Representatives to the PSC

Dear Colleagues,

## **Recruitment of a new Head of Mission for EUSEC RD Congo**

The position of Head of Mission of EUSEC RD Congo will become vacant on 1 July 2015 upon the expiration of the mandate of the current Head of Mission, Colonel Jean-Louis Nurenberg.


The Crisis Management Concept (CMC) for EUSEC RDC should be finally approved before the end of March 2015. However, the limited timeframe for EUSEC RDC new mandate's operational planning and for the generation of personnel calls for a rapid nomination of the new Head of EUSEC RDC Mission. Therefore I would like to prepare for the selection once the CMC is approved.

In this context, I am now inviting Member States to nominate candidates for the position of Head of Mission. Candidates would ideally be drawn from Member States' defence ministries and armed forces. The successful candidate will be able to lead and represent a defence reform (SSR) Mission within a challenging political and operating environment. The applicant should have the requisite diplomatic skills to maintain high-level contacts with the Congolese Ministry of Defence as well as with representatives of the international community.

A good understanding of the regional context in which the Mission operates is essential. An understanding of the functioning of the European Union in the field of CSDP within the context of the Comprehensive Approach would likewise be an asset. The successful candidate should, moreover, within the context of EUSEC RDC's mandate, have the ability to set a clear vision and have the management skills to lead a team of military and civilian experts in complex situations.

On the basis of the CV's received, a selection board will shortlist and interview the applicants, and will recommend one candidate to the High Representative. I thereafter expect to propose a candidate to the PSC. I would be grateful if the CVs of proposed candidates could be sent to the Head of the Integrated Planning Division of the CMPD, Mr Bernard Rambaud, not later than 31 March 2015. Candidates should be available to take up the position of Head of Mission from 1 July 2015, for a duration of one year.

With best regards,



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