**Minutes of Meeting**

**VTC EEAS Brussels - EUBAM Libya**

**30 September 2021**

**Present:**

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| **EEAS – Brussels**  *-Richard La Cour, aHoS CPCC.1 MENA*  *-Daniel Munk, CPCC.1 Libya Desk*  *-Gábor Holota, CPCC.1 Libya Desk*  *-Victor Tarella, CPCC.2 Planer*  *-Christophe Goussot, MENA.3 Libya Desk*  *-Souad Abbes, ISP.3 Strategic Planer* | **EUBAM Libya – Tripoli**  *-Natalina Cea, HoM*  *-Yves Flocon, HoOPS*  *-Thierry Guillaumot, aSMSO*  *-Gerardo Fuertes, HoMSD* |

1. **HoM’s update**

* HoM informed that recently several international actors had issues with the Libyan government. UNHCR does not receive visas; EU Ambassador was stopped and returned at a checkpoint; the IOM visit partially failed due to the lack of willingness for cooperation by Libyans; the MoFA has just cancelled a meeting with EUBAM in the last minute.
* HoM briefed about the SMR presentation at CivCom.
* She also informed about the kick-off meeting with FRONTEX in preparation for the future Working Arrangement between the Mission and the Agency.
* The evaluation report on Ras-al-Jadir BCP is being finalised.
* The Mission is planning to organise the next LSCF with the participation of the CivOpsCdr.

1. **CPCC update**

* CPCC Desk requested the updated training Matrix.
* The importance of the Weekly Activity Table was highlighted.
* CPCC.2 informed about the progress of the OPLAN revision. CPCC Desk informed about the tight timeframe until the planned OPLAN presentation to CivCom (20 October).

1. **Operations update**

* The Libyan CT Strategy is endorsed.
* The Mission was visited by the IOM senior international consultant for the SIBMMIL project.
* The Mission met with the FR Police Attaché for planning an anti-narcotics training for ANGA.
* The Mission met with the ES CT expert for planning a training on fight against financing terrorism.
* The Mission organised/participated in a series of meetings regarding the support of JPF.
* The Mission participated in the UN General Assembly side events on forensics and counter terrorism.
* The Mission participated in the launch event for the Global Organised Crime Index organised by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime (GIATOC).
* The Mission is preparing the upcoming SSPs.

1. **Political update:**

* MENA.3 informed about the HoR vote of non-confidence.
* The HoR’s meeting regarding the electoral law is postponed. It seems there is no progress regarding the election.
* The extension of UNSMIL’s mandate delays.
* On the margins of UNGA, DE, FR and IT conveyed a meeting, where the importance of the involvement of neighbouring countries and the AU, as well as the withdrawal of foreign forces were highlighted.
* Based on the HR/VPs visit PSC discussed the Libyan situation. The MS rather would like to monitor the ongoing situation.
* Libyan MoFA is invited to the FAC on 18 October.

1. **Security and DoC update:**

* The overall Libyan security situation was relatively calm. Less military activities were reported than in the previous periods. The only significant activity was the clashes between LAAF and Chadian forces in South Libya.
* The vote of non-confidence triggered protests in Tripoli and counter protests in Benghazi. No violence was reported.
* ISIS claimed a VBIED attack on LAAF forces, to be confirmed.
* On 17 September, the operation of Ras-al-Jadir BCP was resumed, on 27 September, the operations of TunisAir between Tunis – Mitiga and Tunis – Benghazi resumed.
* In Tunisia, protests (both, pro-government and pro-president) were held. No violence was reported.
* In Tunisia, numerous CT operations are carried out.
* The COVID-19 situation in Libya remains worrisome, despite the ongoing vaccination program. In Tunisia the situation is getting better. 43 MMs are fully vaccinated.

1. **Update on MSD issues**

* The CfC 2-2021 is closed. The preparation for the next call is ongoing.
* The new flight contactor is preparing to start its operations. Only the necessary permissions are missing from Libya and Tunisia.

1. **AoB**

* ISP.3 informed about the meeting with the Libyan MoI delegation.
* HoM was informed by the MoFA that the MoU with MoI can be signed after there is a SOMA in place.