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A message from the Acting Head of Mission

During the Month of May, I have participated in several equally significant activities with our Palestinian counterparts. Perhaps, I should highlight our work with the Palestinian Judicial Institute, that held a key international conference in Ramallah to enhance the capabilities of both the judiciary and the prosecution. Another important event was the annual medal parade, which was attended by many of our partners. We had the pleasure of awarding 20 medals and certificates to the Mission's newest staff members, expressing our appreciation for their work.

EUPOL COPPS organizes key conference for the Palestinian Judicial Institution

EUPOL COPPS and Palestinian Judicial Institute organized a one-day conference in Ramallah to further enhance the capabilities of the judiciary and prosecution. During the event, which was attended by over 120 guests, two important documents were launched: The Human Rights Training Manual for Judges and Prosecutors and the Handbook of Judicial Training Methodology in Europe, produced by the European Judicial Training

Network and translated by EUPOL COPPS. Acting Head of Mission Mike Albers said these guiding tools will soon be handed over to all the judges and prosecutors facilitating their daily work. "The two documents are part of EUPOL COPPS's continuous strategic support to strengthen the operational capacity and efficiency of the Palestinian criminal justice institutions," Mr. Albers told the attendees. The large audience

of the conference represented Palestinian justice institutions, donor countries and justice partners in addition to senior government officials.



EUPOL COPPS delivers training to Palestinian police on the use of pepper spray



EUPOLCOPPS police adviser delivered a one day training for twenty eight police officers from the Pal-

estinian Protecting and Guarding Unit on the use of pepper spray. During the one day training which was held in Ramallah Palestinian Protecting and Guarding Unit compound, the instructor showed the participants how to be familiarized with these "alternative means"

and how to ensure that international standards, Human Rights are respected. The course stressed on the practical, tactical and legal conditions of use of pepper spray, it also includes first aid relating to use of this intermediary means and highlight the professional judgment on the field. By mid-May, a handover of equipment and Standard Operational Procedure took place.

A global professional firm holds a training course on risk-based inspection for PCP



Ernst & Young (Palestine office) delivered a capacity-building course organized by EUPOL COPPS to train Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) officer in 'risk-based inspections' methodology. The eight day training which concluded on 18 May, focused on financial inspections, internal au-

counts, procurement control and prevention of fraud. The training targeted two senior-staff groups working in the PCP's Inspector General's Office (IGO). This event is part of a concerted and continuous efforts by EUPOL COPPS to strengthen the knowledge and performance of a number of accountability and oversight bodies within the police, including the

IGO. Brigadier General Adel Hilles and the PCP participants reported positive feedback on the course and stated that they look forward to the next components of support, namely 'on-the-job' training from EUPOL COPPS' advisers and the development of a manual with standard operating procedures.

The PJI was established in 2014 and since then the Mission advisers have been heavily involved in supporting this institution, the main body in charge of training judges and prosecutors, through organizing training s, workshops and study visits.

EUPOL COPPS organizes training with the General Administration of the Criminal Record

EUPOL COPPS concluded a 3 day training and a one-day workshop together with the General Administration of the Criminal Record at the Ministry of Justice. More than 30 participants of the training were employees of The General Administration of the Criminal Record at the Ministry of Justice. The trainees received two days of training regarding legal documents and definitions

as well as one day of training on communication skills. In the last day of the event, a workshop was held about the legal framework regarding the tasks of the unit. During the workshop, discussions took place together with representatives of other relevant governmental institutions. EUPOL COPPS advisers provided the needed support of the event and expressed will-

ingness to provide legal and technical advice in case the relevant bylaw needs to be amended.

