Dear friends,

During the first trimester of 2022, I have been working to strengthen our ties and upgrade the cooperation in place with the Palestinian Authority, starting from strategic talks with the Office of the Prime Minister, until technical discussions between the Mission’s advisers and our counterpart at the Ministry of Interior and at the Ministry of Justice of Palestine.

On 8th March, I joined the Governor of Ramallah, Dr. Laila Ghannam, and the Chief of the
PCP, Major General Yousif Al Helo, in the celebration of the International Women's day. On that occasion, EUPOL COPPS reaffirmed its engagement towards the Palestinian population to promote equal opportunities for Palestinian women, and a more proactive participation of Palestinian women in the security sector.

I believe that there will never be peace and security for the Palestinian population until Palestinian women will play a central role in the security sector. Community policing combined with gender mainstreaming is key to create sound trust relationships between security forces and the people of Palestine. In that regard, the PCP has a virtuous agenda for enhancing gender mainstreaming and community policing, especially in the refugee camps across the West Bank.

EUPOL COPPS has been proactive in supporting the police in promoting equal opportunities for women police officers. In that direction, the Mission is now supporting the PCP initiative of establishing a network of Palestinian women police officers.

At the beginning of March, I received the Commander of the EU Civilian Operations, which is currently responsible for the implementation of the mandate of 11 EU common security and defense policy missions, among which EUPOL COPPS. The Commander met with all main Palestinian counterparts to deliver one common message: the EU is fully committed to support Palestinians in strengthening their institutions in line with rule of law principles and in ensuring peace and justice for all the population.

EUPOL COPPS is currently planning its activities for the next mandate which will start next July. In that regard, I am conducting a multi-layered consultation with our Palestinian partners and the international ones - such as the other members of the EU family and USSC - to ensure a significant impact of our joint efforts in the security sector and justice reform.

As many of us will soon celebrate the holy month of Ramadan, I already wish you and your families Ramadan Mubarak.
EU Civilian Operations Commander visits EUPOL COPPS and EUBAM RAFAH in the Palestinian Territories
The EU Civilian Operations Commander, Francisco Esteban Perez, carried out an official visit to EUPOL COPPS and EUBAM RAFAH in his first visit to Palestine since taking up his appointment. During the official visit to both Missions, he presided over two Medal Parades and joined EUPOL COPPS for the International Women’s Day celebration, which included the Palestinian Chief of Police and the Governor of Ramallah as honorary guests.

The visit also saw the Civilian Operations Commander hold a number of bilateral meetings with Palestinian officials, including the Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh, Ministers of Justice and Interior, the Chief of the Palestinian Civil Police and the Governor of Ramallah, as well as meeting with EU Member State Representatives. The silver thread running through the meetings with the senior Palestinian counterparts revolved around the support that EUPOL COPPS provides to the Palestinian institutions, and the ongoing partnership, central to the mandate of EUPOL COPPS. The constructive atmosphere of the meetings illustrated the excellent mutual cooperation in place, with both sides keen to enhance and strengthen the partnership.

A highlight of the mission consisted of the general staff meetings, which gave the opportunity to all staff to exchanges ideas and to discuss the challenges faced by the Missions.

EUPOL COPPS Gender Advisor attended the launch of the Business and Professional Women (BPW) Palestine, a recently registered official member of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women. BPW International is an influential international network of business and professional women from nearly 100 countries in 5 continents with Consultative Status at ECOSOC/United Nations. Founded in 1930, BPW International develops the professional, leadership and business potential of women on all levels through mentoring, networking, skill building and economic empowerment programs and projects around the world.


"Hand in hand we put an end to crime"
‘Hand in hand we put an end to crime’ – the opening remarks from PCP Brigadier General and Salfit District Commander Mamoun Fahmawi on the occasion of a mission by EUPOL COPPS to the district of Salfit and the nearby village of Bruqin.

Together with PCP, EUPOL COPPS Community Policing and PPIO teams observed a Mobile Police Station in operation, currently hosting a COVID-19 mobile Vaccination Campaign for rural areas, visited a number of local and educational institutions, and held meetings with the PCP local authorities and the Mayor of Bruqin. The mission also visited a local Women’s Centre that acts as a focal point for the local Women’s organisations. The silver thread of this visit was the observance of the excellent relationship between the PCP and the local population, a vital partner of the local police in their fight against crime. Also a valuable exercise in awareness raising, and the first of a number of planned visits of their kind; such missions are a
testament to EUPOL COPPS’s commitment to support the PCP in bringing the local police closer to the Palestinian citizens.

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The Attorney General Office and EUPOL COPPS conducted a two-day training on the empowerment of female prosecutors to increase their capacity in the field of leadership and management. Specifically, the training focused on building confidence in ambitious female prosecutors with potential to rise up the hierarchy by allowing them to exchange first-hand experiences and encourage networking.

Deputy Head of Rule of Law Section Ulrika Grenerfors started the training session with a presentation on leadership within the Swedish Prosecution Authority. The presentation involved personal abilities and skills that are needed to perform effective leadership.

The training then continued with presentations where Mr. Abdul Razzaq Ghazal dealt with different aspects of effective leadership and moderated discussions where the participants shared experiences and the application of the leadership aspects in their work situation.
"Building bridges with the people" – the words of Brigadier General Abuznaid Abu Znaid, Director, Media, PR and Community Policing Directorate, PCP, as he outlined that this remains the priority of the PCP in the realm of Community Policing. Hosted by EUPOL COPPS, this morning witnessed the much awaited restart of the Community Policing Coordination Group after more than one year. The active support and participation of both the PCP and International partners demonstrated the commitment to the important of Community Policing in Palestine. EUPOL COPPS reaffirms its support to this vital branch of policing, bringing the PCP closer to the population.
Head of EUPOL COPS Mission met Governor of Ramallah and Al-Bireh Dr. Laila Ghannam and discussed gender related issues, such as the promotion of women in the security sector and the advancement of women to position of management throughout the public sector.

Also the problems affecting the security sector in Palestine, such as the ongoing Israeli occupation and human rights implementation, were addressed.

**EUPOL COPPS organises study visit for Palestinian officials on anti-corruption and**
EUPOL COPPS organised a study visit to Madrid for three officials from the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) and the Palestinian Civil Police to further enhance the knowledge and introducing a good EU system in fighting corruption with a special focus on the system of Witness Protection and Gender.

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