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CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP ON
AFRICAN UNION FORMED POLICE UNITS (FPU_s)

Tripoli, Libya
11 – 13 AUGUST, 2009

DRAFT REPORT

DRAFT REPORT OF AFRICAN STANDBY FORCE FORMED POLICE UNITS (FPUs) CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP

11th – 13th August 2009, Tripoli, Libya

PREAMBLE

Pursuant to the African Ministers of Defence and Security (AMDS) and the African Chiefs Defence Staffs and Heads of Security (ACDS) in their meeting held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in March 2008, highlighted the lack of clear policy/philosophy for the establishment of the ASF Formed Police Units (FPUs) on the continent. The meeting also recommended that the AU Commission undertakes steps to develop ASF FPU Concept.

In the light of the above, the African Union Commission in conjunction with partners organized an FPU Technical Workshops in Dakar, Senegal from 14 - 16 April 2009 to develop ASF Formed Police Units Concept, update the existing ASF SOP Chapter 8 to reflect ASF FPU and draft AUPOL Manual Outline. In order to finalise the drafts ASF FPU Concept and SOP and further develop the AUPOL Manual, a follow on ASF Formed Police Units Consultative Workshop was hosted by the NARC Secretariat in Tripoli/Libya from 11 – 13 August 2009. The workshop was attended by Police Experts from AUC, ECOWAS, SADC, NARC and Member

States as well as partners from EU, Germany, COESPU/Italy Pearson Peacekeeping Centre/Canada and APSTA. The workshop was funded by the Federal Foreign Office of the German Government.

The list of participants is attached as Annex A.

OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

The Executive Secretary General Ahmed Oun welcomed all participants and wished them a pleasant stay in Jamahyria as well a success in their proceedings. He then introduced the Libyan Secretary of the General Peoples Committee for Public Security , Staff General Abdulfattah Yunis Al Ubeidi to deliver the opening address.

In his opening address the Libyan Secretary of the General Peoples Committee for Public Security Staff General Abdulfattah Yunis Al Ubeidi welcomed participants to Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and expressed the greetings of Brother Leader Muammar Gadhafi to all. He thanked the African Union and NARC for the efforts in operationalizing the African Peace and Security Architecture and emphasized the key role of Formed Police Units (FPU) in Peace Support Operations. The Minister was particularly grateful that, the workshop was organized to coincide with the 40th Anniversary of the Great Fatah Revolution and expressed gratitude to NARC for hosting the event.

He re-echoed the importance of FPUs in PSO and talked about the contribution and pledges of FPUs and Police Personnel of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to African Standby Force (ASF) and that, Libya was considering the revised standby

arrangements as approved by the Specialized Technical Committee on Defence, Safety and Security in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May 2009 and as considered by NARC regional Meeting in Algiers, Algeria, in July 2009.

He wished the experts fruitful deliberations and declared the workshop opened. The Workshop proceeding was thereafter presented to participants.

ORGANISATION AND CONDUCT OF THE WORKSHOP

- The FPU Consultative Workshop convened over three days as outlined below:
 - Day One
 - Opening
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - Presentation on ASF Police Component
 - Setting the Scene
 - Constitution of Work Group
 - Group Work Session
 - Day Two
 - Group Work Continued
 - Group Work Presentation/Discussion
 - Final Recommendation
 - Adoption of Report
 - Day Three

- Closing
- Visit to Libya Police Academy

OUTPUT OF THE WORKSHOP

The following documents were revised and finalized:

- ASF SOPs Chapter 8
- ASF FPU Concept

In addition the first draft of the AUPOL Manual was also considered and recommendation on the way forward made.

WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS

- The workshop commenced in plenary session which gave the outline of the requirement and divided into two working groups:
 - i. Working Group One: ASF SOP Chapter 8 and ASF FPU Concept.
 - ii. Working Group Two: for Draft AUPOL Manual
- The deliberations emphasized the need to harmonize the different documents developed by the Police Component of the ASF
- The workshop later reconvened in plenary and deliberated on the group work. Reports of the working groups are attached as annexes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The workshop made the following recommendations:

- The ASF SOP Chapter 8 and FPU Concept documents should be harmonized and tested.
- PSOD should develop the FPU TOE as soon as possible.
- The draft ASF Generic FPU concept should be finalized and submitted for adoption by the appropriate authority.
- The proposed AUPOL Manual should be consistent with ASF PSO Policies in harmony with UN Peacekeeping standard practices.
- AU PSOD should designate a small technical team to develop the draft of the AUPOL Manual as soon as possible.
- Steps should be taken to incorporate the revised SOP Chapter 8 in the original ASF SOP when adopted.

WAY FORWARD

- Convene a working group to harmonize the SOP Chapter 8 and ASF FPU Concept.
- Convene a technical group to review the draft AUPOL Manual
- Convene a technical workshop to finalize and adopt the AUPOL Manual.

Annexes:

- A. List of Participants
- B. Working Groups Report