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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF PSC AMBASSADORS

Subject: EUSR Afghanistan Rule of Law Adviser positions

I would like to draw your attention to the re-launch of a call for contributions to the office of the EUSR Afghanistan for two Rule of Law Adviser positions to be filled as soon as possible.

The rule of law advisers will be playing a crucial for enabling me to achieve my mandate to contribute and advise on the progress achieved on security sector reform and respect for democratic principles and the rule of law - but also those institutions tasked with their existence and protection.

Fostering the rule of law and respect for human rights presents a key objective of the EU's strategy for Afghanistan 2014-16, and reinvigorating Rule of Law reform remains one of the EUSR priorities for 2015 as part of efforts to reinforce the sustainability and stability of the state. The rule of law advisors would help to consolidate but also build on these achievements in the future.

The positions are of paramount importance also in view to the EU's efforts to achieve a comprehensive approach when it comes to its various instruments at play in Afghanistan. This is because the rule of law advisor positions will reinforce the EUSR office to build upon the achievements of the EU's CSDP mission EUPOL Afghanistan in the areas of justice and rule of law.

I am commissioning extensive activities in helping and encouraging the National Unity Government to bring about sustainable and functioning ministries that build and safeguard the rule of law, and that help to stamp out corruption. Based on the extensive collective efforts of the EU family with regards to the rule of law in Afghanistan over the past eight years, Afghan government, civil society and international community and other stakeholders expect but also rely on the EU's proactive role when it comes to good governance and the rule of law.

As these are key goals of both the EU and all its Member States for our engagement in and with Afghanistan, I hope that Member States will be able to support my work in the field of rule of law through the secondment of two qualified and motivated Rule of Law Advisers to my office in Kabul.

Thank you very much for the attention you may give to this issue.

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