



## Press Release

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### MINISTRY OF INTERIOR'S ANTI-CORRUPTION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME APPROVED

EUPOL welcomes the Note of Understanding (NoU) which was signed yesterday at the Ministry of Interior by H.E. Mohammad Haneef Atmar, EUPOL Police Commissioner Kai Vittrup, Maj Gen Richard Formica for the US Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (CSTC-A) and the representatives of the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the UN Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Manoj Basnyat and Patrick Halewood.

As requested by the Minister of Interior EUPOL will lead the anti-corruption program and - as a result of the NoU - EUPOL, CSTC-A and the two UN agencies will collaborate closely in the execution and implementation of the Government's anti-corruption strategy, which is under the leadership of the Interior Ministry.

EUPOL Head of Mission Kai Vittrup congratulates what he describes “an important step forward toward eradication of corruption in Afghanistan”. “Corruption – Police Commissioner Vittrup added - is an extremely complex issue that can only be tackled successfully through a joint effort from all the international partners and under the direct ownership of the Ministry of Interior”.

Experts from the International partners involved in the anticorruption strategy will have an office within the Ministry of Interior.

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