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EUPOL HEAD OF MISSION COMPLETES HIS TOUR OF DUTY

Upon completion of a year assignment the Head of the European Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL) will end his term on the 30th of September.

General Juergen Scholz assumed his duty when EUPOL was still at an initial stage. Under his leadership the mission became operational and its presence was extended throughout Afghanistan.

At a ceremony that was held at EUPOL HQ French Ambassador Jean d_ Amécourt, representing EU Presidency, stressed the difficult context in which the outgoing Head of Mission had to operate and praised _ the short period of time in which he managed to turn the situation round, solving most of the logistic problems and deploy EUPOL throughout Afghanistan_ . Ambassador d_ Amécourt reiterated EU full support to build a strong Afghan police force.

The European Union Special Representative Ambassador Ettore Sequi emphasized the key contribution of the Mission to the establishment of a professional police service in Afghanistan and paid tribute to the _ capable hand and the committed heart_ of General Scholz.

General Scholz in his speech emphasized positive developments of the Afghan National Police and the reforms that have been launched. However, the Head of Mission underlined that _ reforming a police force at a strategic and operational level requires long-lasting processes of planning, communication, participation and implementation_ . _ Many of the processes which have been launched by the Mission together with its partners - Gen Scholz added _ will pay out in the middle term.

EUPOL is currently composed by 130 police officers from twenty countries (including non EU members like Canada, Croatia and Norway) and more than 60 international civilian experts.

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