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EUPOL COMPLETES DEPLOYMENT IN THE SOUTH

With the deployment of the first group of police officers in Kandahar, the European Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL) has reached full capability in the South.

As of today eight members from the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police* and other Canadian police agencies have joined EUPOL, following the signing of a Technical Agreement between the European Police Mission and the Government of Canada.

The newly recruited officers will all be stationed in Kandahar City as part of the first EUPOL presence in this Southern Province, where the Canadian Provincial Reconstruction Team has been in operation since 2005.

EUPOL have so far operated in Southern Afghanistan with nine British officers based in Helmand and three from the *Royal Netherlands Marechaussee* in Uruzgan

EUPOL is currently composed by 130 officers from twenty countries (including non EU members like Canada, Croatia and Norway) and more than 40 international civilian experts.

Since last October the mission has been headed by General Juergen Scholz.

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