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#### EUPOL Supports Human Rights



“EUPOL Afghanistan will continue to assist the Ministry of Interior (Moi) in building-up of capability and structure in human rights and gender.” Kai Vittrup, Head of Mission of the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan made this promise attending a seminar co-organised by EUPOL, the Ministry of Interior and the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission. The seminar ‘Respecting and Complying with Human Rights in Police Work in Cooperation with Civil Society’ took place in Kabul this weekend.

Human rights are one of the six strategic objectives of the EUPOL mission.

The objectives of the seminar were to create a common forum for the Afghan National Police and civil society to meet, and increase understanding about particular human rights and how to practically implement these human rights in police work.

“Human rights form an essential part of the Afghan Constitution. “ Kai Vittrup, Head of EUPOL Mission, stated in his speech. Following the objectives of the seminar the agenda was divided into two parts. In the first part there is a round-table discussion with the participation of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, Civil Society and Human Rights Network and EUPOL. The second part functions as a

training session for the Ministry of Interior personnel. There is also a possibility to liaise with Afghan human rights associations.

A continued cooperation and improvement of human rights awareness and understanding within the Afghan police should be the essential future of the seminar. “EUPOL is committed to continue working with you, and to assist you in your challenging tasks whenever you need us.” Kai Vittrup clearly addressed to the audience.

The conference caught a lot of media attraction with over 10 TV and stations showing up and more than 20 journalists covering the event.

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