

*Article 3***Status of personnel seconded to the EUPM**

1. Personnel seconded to the EUPM by the Republic of Slovenia shall be covered, until 31 December 2002 under the agreement applicable to the EUPM planning team, and as of 1 January 2003 under the agreement concluded on 4 October 2002 between the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina on the activities of the EUPM in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

2. The Republic of Slovenia shall be responsible for answering any claims linked to the secondment of an EUPM staff member, from or concerning the staff member. The Republic of Slovenia shall be responsible for bringing any action against a secondee.

3. The EUPM is an unarmed mission and as such has no rules of engagement.

4. Seconded police officers shall work in their national police uniforms. Berets and insignia shall be provided by the EUPM.

*Article 4***Chain of command**

1. The contribution of the Republic of Slovenia to the EUPM is without prejudice to the decision-making autonomy of the Union. The personnel seconded by the Republic of Slovenia shall carry out his/her duties and conduct himself/herself in accordance with the interests of the EUPM.

2. All EUPM personnel shall remain under the full command of their national authorities.

3. National authorities shall transfer operational command (OPCOM) to the EUPM Head of Mission/Police Commissioner, who shall exercise that command through a hierarchical structure of command and control.

4. The Head of Mission/Police Commissioner shall lead the EUPM and assume its day-to-day management.

5. The Republic of Slovenia shall have the same rights and obligations in terms of day-to-day management of the operation as European Union Member States taking part in the operation, in accordance with Article 8(2) of Joint Action 2002/210/CFSP. This shall take place on the ground in the normal course of the operation, including within the police mission headquarters.

6. The EUPM Head of Mission/Police Commissioner shall be responsible for disciplinary control over mission personnel. Where applicable, disciplinary action shall be exercised by the national authority concerned.

7. A national contingent point of contact (NPCs) shall be appointed by the Republic of Slovenia to represent its national contingent in the mission. NPCs shall report to the EUPM Head of Mission/Police Commissioner on national matters and shall be responsible for day-to-day contingent discipline.

8. The decision by the European Union to end the operation shall be made following consultation with the Republic of Slovenia, provided that this State is still contributing to the EUPM at the date of termination of the mission.

*Article 5***Classified information**

The Republic of Slovenia shall take appropriate measures to ensure that, when EU classified information is handled by its personnel seconded to the EUPM, this personnel respects the Council of the European Union's security regulations, which are contained in Council Decision 2001/264/EC ⁽¹⁾.

*Article 6***Contributions to the running costs**

1. The Republic of Slovenia shall contribute to the running costs of the EUPM an amount of EUR 25 000 per year. The Republic of Slovenia shall consider making additional contributions of a voluntary nature to these running costs, taking into account its means and level of participation.

2. An arrangement shall be signed between the EUPM Head of Mission/Police Commissioner and the relevant administrative services of the Republic of Slovenia on the contributions of the Republic of Slovenia to the running costs of EUPM. This arrangement shall include the following provisions on:

- (a) the concerned amount, including the possible additional contributions of a voluntary nature, if any;
- (b) the arrangements for payment and management of the concerned amount;
- (c) the verification arrangements covering control and audit of the concerned amount, where appropriate.

3. The Republic of Slovenia shall formally communicate to the EUPM and to the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union the total amount of its contribution to the running costs by 15 November 2002 and thereafter by 1 November of each year and shall conclude the financial arrangement by 15 December of each year.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 101, 11.4.2001, p. 1.