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**Subject:** The EUMC Strategic Priorities

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Delegations will find attached the EUMC Strategic Priorities as were agreed by the EUMC at the level of CHODs on 24 April 2012.

## REFERENCES :

- A. The EUMC Strategic Plan 2011, 8961/11, dated 12 April 2011
- B. CSDP – Council Conclusions, 179911/11, dated 1 December 2011
- C. Council Conclusions, 7682/12, dated 22 March 2012

## **Purpose and Scope**

The purpose of this Paper is to define the EUMC's Strategic Priorities (SP) and to provide the framework for recording the supporting Key Actions.

The Paper supersedes the EUMC Strategic Plan (Ref. A) and draws upon related CSDP Council conclusions (Ref B and C). It is to be read in conjunction with the Concluding remarks agreed by the EUMC at the level of CHODs.

Notwithstanding the existence of the EUMC SPs, the EUMC agenda must be responsive to MS initiatives and unexpected events.

## **Assessment and review of the EUMC Strategic Priorities**

The EUMC Strategic Priorities will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis and shall be endorsed by the EUMC at the level of Chiefs of Defence.

## **Management of the Key Actions**

The EUMC notes the CEUMC's intent to incorporate the Key Actions in his work plan. The EEAS, and in particular the EUMS, is invited to reflect as far as possible the Key Actions in its work plan. Whenever requested by the EUMC, the EUMS will be responsible for briefing the EUMC on progress on the Key Actions and for providing recommendations and further initiatives for EUMC approval. Decisions relating to the implementation of the Key Actions will be taken by the EUMC.

**EUMC Strategic Priorities and Key Actions**

<b>Strategic Priorities</b>	<b>Key Actions</b>					
<p>1</p> <p><b>Contribute to planning and execution of CSDP missions and operations</b></p>	<p>Provide military expertise with regard to all aspects of CSDP missions and operations</p>	<p>Support the development of a comprehensive EU crisis mechanism</p>	<p>Contribute to the improvement of EU C2 Structures and Early Warning</p>	<p>Optimise the preparation and the use of EU Rapid Response capabilities</p>	<p>Support and contribute to a comprehensive EU LL process</p>	<p>Contribute to an enhancement of the EU Exercise Policy</p>
<p>2</p> <p><b>Contribute to EU capability development</b></p>	<p>Support long term capability development as well as the prioritisation of capability shortfalls</p>		<p>Support EU-NATO cooperation on capability development</p>	<p>Support the development of synergies between civ and mil capability development</p>		<p>Develop the military contribution to Disaster Response, Humanitarian Assistance and Civil Protection</p>
<p>3</p> <p><b>Contribute to implementation of a Comprehensive Approach in the EU</b></p>	<p>Further develop the military contribution to EU initiatives and actions</p>	<p>Promote the military contribution to Conflict Prevention</p>	<p>Further develop the military role within EU structures</p>	<p>Develop the military support to SSR</p>		<p>Further develop security in the maritime domain</p>
<p>4</p> <p><b>Contribute to development of EU external relations</b></p>	<p>Contribute to the EU cooperation with NATO, UN and the AU</p> <p>Contribute to the EU strategic partnerships</p> <p>Support EU Neighbourhood and regional cooperation policies incl. the Eastern Partnership and the Southern Neighbourhood</p>					