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**Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
welcomes the completion of the procedure for the
accreditation of the EUPOL COPPS mission
in the Palestinian Territories**

Javier Solana, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), today issued the following statement welcoming the completion of the formalities needed for the accreditation of the European Union police mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS):

"I welcome the completion by the Israeli Government of the procedure for the accreditation of the European Union police mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS). I wish to thank the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Tzipi Livni, for her support. This agreement will facilitate implementation of the mandate for the mission."

The purpose of the EUPOL COPPS mission is to work with the Palestinian civilian police to support the Palestinian Authority in taking responsibility for law and order and in improving its civilian police and law-enforcement capacity. EUPOL COPPS will help to establish sustainable and effective policing arrangements under Palestinian ownership in accordance with the highest international standards. This mission is a central pillar of the EU Action Strategy supporting the renewed efforts to ring about peace between Israel and the Palestinians that were launched in Annapolis last November.

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