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Dear Sirs,

Subject: Public service principles for EU civil servants

On behalf of CEPOL, the EU agency responsible for the training of law enforcement officers across Europe, I would like to convey my sincerest regards to you and your colleagues at the European Ombudsman.

With reference to your public consultation on the draft statement of public service principles for EU civil servants, it is my pleasure to forward the following comments:

I would like to emphasise how much I support your dedication to Europe's citizens and to the public service principles for EU civil servants.

CEPOL in its areas of competence also takes part in the implementation and improvement of the principles that should guide EU civil servants.

In terms of commitment to the European Union and its citizens, CEPOL raises through learning the awareness of the European Union. Further to specific training activities on EU systems and instruments, in each CEPOL training activity, a session is dedicated to European Union awareness. Since 2006, we have trained ten thousand (10,000) police officers that have also cascaded information to their colleagues at national level.



We aim to develop a European Dimension amongst police forces across Europe. Our mission as a European agency is to contribute to European police cooperation through learning to the benefit of European citizens. The main values we promote are respect for diversity and faith in justice and policing.

The principles you put forward in your statement such as integrity, objectivity, respect for others and transparency are highly relevant indeed for our police training activities in Europe. Police officers are by nature in charge of the enforcement of such principles and the reference to the European Ombudsman can be also added in our awareness presentations.

These elements are also guiding principles for the organisational culture of CEPOL.

I will ensure that the principles you call for in your draft statement will be enforced in CEPOL and will strongly motivate my staff to apply them in their areas of responsibility.

Warmest regards,

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Deputy Director