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(SBU) Summary and Action Request: Embassy Tripoli requests 11 LES bodyguard positions be added to the current roster of 24 APD members. The augmented roster will fill the vacuum of security personnel currently at Post on TDY status who will be leaving within the next month and will not be replaced. These TDY officers include members of DS MSD, SST, and DS TDY special agents. Due to the level of threat in regards to Crime, Political Violence, and Terrorism, Post feels this is an appropriate number of LES security personnel needed to further Embassy diplomatic outreach missions performed by Foreign Service (FSO) and other USG officers. Post appreciates ongoing efforts by DS to meet and fulfill our security standards. End summary and action request.

(SBU) The security condition in Libya remains unpredictable, volatile, and violent. Though certain goals have been successfully met, such as the national election for a representative Parliament who will draft the new Libyan Constitution, violent security incidents continue to take place due to the lack of a coherent national Libyan security force and the strength of local militias and large numbers of armed groups.

(SBU) Post has made several procedural security and physical upgrades to the interim US Embassy compounds. However, host nation security support is lacking and cannot be depended on to provide a safe and secure environment for the diplomatic mission of outreach performed by FSO and other USG personnel on the ground.

(SBU) There are currently twenty-eight (28) U.S. security personnel (16 SST, 5 MSD, 1 RSO, 2 ARSO's, 4 TDY ARSO's) assigned to the Embassy. This number will be reduced on 08/03 when the SST's security support mission comes to an end. On 08/30 the security personnel will be further reduced with the departure of the MSD team, which as of today, will not be replaced.

(SBU) Post considers a roster thirty-five (35) armed LES APD officers, will help maintain the Protective Ring of Security necessary to provide physical security to the Embassy staff to include the Ambassador, and other USG personnel under COM authority. This number of LES APD members will also be utilized for the continued deployment of the Embassy's Quick Reaction Force (QRF) to respond to emergencies throughout the city and monitoring of the Tactical Operation Center (TOC).

(SBU) Post estimates the yearly cost to hire ten (10) bodyguards at an FS 5 level (US \$30,042.72) and one supervisor at an FS 7 level (US \$34,618.16) will be US \$335,045.36. Salaries include misc. allowances, yearly bonus, social security, medical benefits, and projected overtime pay.

(SBU) Post appreciates the Department's continued support and guidance as we strive to build up local capacity to help address the security concerns in Tripoli.

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