Introduction:

- The 2011 AAP for the crisis preparedness component of the Instrument of Stability (IfS) – the “Peace-building Partnership” – is currently under preparation. It is scheduled for adoption in May/June 2011.

- The AAP 2011 builds on the main aims of the IfS Strategy Paper 2007-2011 and the Indicative Programme 2009-2011, specifically to strengthen the civilian capacity in international, regional and sub-regional organizations, state and non-state actors in preventing or mitigating crises and ensuring a more effective and coherent international response to crisis.

- In contrast to previous years, the 2011 AAP endeavours – to the extent possible - to cluster individual actions on a thematic basis, notably with regard to the proposed activities undertaken in co-operation with relevant EU Member State and UN bodies.

- It will finance actions which mobilize capacity in the peace-building target groups identified in the Strategy Paper, in the Indicative Programme(s) and in previous AAPs up to a maximum of approximately €15 Million.

Activities envisaged under the draft 2011 AAP:

- Action Fiche 1 - Peace-building Partnership Support: improving the capacity of non-state actors:

  This action aims is to provide capacity-building funding to non-state actors, active in the field of peace-building, via calls for proposals to be implemented by relevant EU Delegations, inter alia, on the following issues: a) Media as a tool for conflict prevention; b) Women, peace and security, in particular women’s participation in political processes; c) Civil society capacity-building in mediation and dialogue.

- Action Fiche 2 - Strengthening capacities of non-state actors for the Consensual and Sustainable Management of Land and Natural Resources

  This action will enhance local non-state actors’ capacity to understand conflict dynamics and employ conflict-sensitive development to contentious issues, such as land and natural resources competition and conflicts via a joint EU-UNDP action implemented through UNDP offices in selected countries.

- Action Fiche 3 - Post Conflict and Post Disaster Needs Assessments (PCNA/PDNA): development of assessment capacity and tools

  The aim is to contribute – via a relevant EU Member State national public body - towards developing common operational practices and tools with the UN, WB and regional
organizations in Post Conflict and Post Disaster Needs Assessments in high risk countries.

- **Action Fiche 4 – Post Disaster Needs Assessments (PDNA) Rollout in High Risk Countries**

This objective of this action is – together with UNDP - to enhance the in-country capacities of governments, EU Delegations, UN Country Teams, and World Bank Country Offices to conduct joint Post Disaster Needs Assessments to internationally accepted standards in key high risk countries. The action will fund the roll-out at the level of relevant countries/regional organizations of PDNA guidance and materials developed so far.

- **Action Fiche 5 – Strengthening United Nations Capacities to Support Mediation**

It is envisaged to strengthen the efforts of the UN Mediation Support Unit (MSU), inter alia, by: i) renewing funding for Standby Team experts; ii) supporting MSU training activities for UN and regional organizations; and iii) promoting the increase of the participation of women in peace processes.

- **Action Fiche 6 – Equipping National and Local Actors in Internal Conflict Management Processes with Skills for Dialogue and Constructive Negotiation**

It is also envisaged to work with UNDP to strengthen the ability of national stakeholders and their international counterparts to implement internal dialogue and negotiation initiatives, to ensure national capacity to reduce tensions in complex political situations, and to codify and transmit knowledge on internal negotiation and dialogue initiatives.

- **Action Fiche 7 - Women, Peace and Security - A UN Women/UNDP/EU joint action**

This action aims – together with UN WOMEN and UNDP - to ensure participation of women in peace processes and more specifically, to strength capacity and coordination for EU-UN implementation of UNSCR 1325 and EU’s Comprehensive Approach, and to establish regular spaces for dialogue with civil society to allow women’s organizations to engage in peace processes and peace-conflict planning.

- **Action Fiche 8 – Building African Union capacities in Security Sector Reform: a joint United Nations-EU support action**

This action will continue the EU’s engagement with the AU in the security sector by working with DPKO on re-inforcing the capacities of the African Union (AU) in Security Sector Reform (SSR),