Building Capacity for Peace Operations in Response to Diversified Threats: What Lies Ahead?

Monday, 13 October, 2014

All day  Foreign Participants Checking in and Registering at Peacekeeping Centre
1900  Welcoming Reception

Tuesday, 14 October, 2014

0800-0840  Tour of Peacekeeping Centre
0900  Opening Remarks and Welcome

Chair  Major General Li Tian Tian, Director-General, Peacekeeping Affairs Office, Ministry of National Defence, China
Ms Annika Hilding Norberg, Director, Challenges Forum, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden

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Key Notes  Mr Hervé Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations
Adm. Sun Jianguo, Deputy Chief of General Staff, China

1000  Group Photo
1020  Coffee Break
Session 1: Promoting Peacekeepers’ Capacity to Address Non-Traditional Threats in Areas of Peace Operations and Against Their Mandates

Focus
The presence of non-traditional threats in mission areas have become critical, and in some cases, arguably significantly undermines the work and achievements of peace operations. The non-traditional threats include but are not limited to: transnational organized crime, corruption, terrorism, piracy, asymmetric warfare, cyber insecurity, and environmental degradation. What capabilities and skill-sets are required for peacekeepers to effectively carry out and deliver on their mandates, given the pervasive challenges posed in mission areas by non-traditional threats?

Chair
Dr Caty Clément, Senior Programme Advisor and Senior Fellow, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Switzerland

Speakers
Senior Representative, China
Mr Albert Gerard Koenders, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General, MINUSMA, United Nations

Tbc
Discussion

1230 Lunch

1400 Promoting Peacekeepers’ Capacity to Address Non-Traditional Threats in Areas of Peace Operations and Against Their Mandates (Session continues)

Speakers
Mr Stefan Feller, Police Adviser, Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, United Nations, tbc

Mr Jean-Yonel Trecile, Inspector General and Director, Cabinet of the Haiti National Police

Discussant
The Diversification of Threats in Peace Operations: Facts, Figures and Trends
Mr Richard Gowan, Associate Director, Center for International Cooperation, New York University, (background paper)

Discussion

1530 Coffee Break
Session 2: Enhancing Peace Operations’ Capacity to Face Threats against Peacekeepers

Focus
Threats against peace operations and peacekeeping personnel are not new but have intensified. What accounts for this change? How do we improve the missions and peacekeepers’ ability to deal with growing security threats? What strategies, capabilities and mechanisms are required? Making missions more robust (or increasing force protection measures) may in some cases generate an adverse effect causing resentment in the local population and undermine the success and legitimacy of the mission in the long-term. Would intelligence-led operations deter such attacks? How can instruments such as the UN OCC, JOC, and JMAC be improved? How can modern technology enhance the capabilities of peacekeepers to deal with security threats? And, what should troop- and police contributors do to prepare their peacekeepers and their tools for the future?

Chair
Dr Ulf Sverdrup, Director General, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Norway, tbc

Speakers
Lt Gen. Carlos Santos de Cruz, Force Commander, MONUSCO
Ms Nancy Gao, Director, Police Peacekeeping Academy, China
Ms Kristina Bergendal, Director, Deputy Head, Department of Security Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Discussant
Mr William Philips, International Consultant Peace Operations, Former Staff Member UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations and Department of Field Support (background paper)

Discussion

1730  End of Day 1

1900  Dinner
Wednesday, 15 October, 2014

0900  Session 3: Overcoming Logistic Difficulties in Complex and Remote Peace Operations

Focus  What is necessary to overcome the strategic, political and practical challenges to meeting the logistics requirements of modern missions, in particular complex mission undertaken in remote areas? Old problems and new challenges—are we providing and preparing the right capabilities? If not, why not, and what do we do about it? To what extent can intermission cooperation alleviate difficulties and can the concept be expanded beyond the military?

Chair  Tbc

Speakers  
Mr David Haeri, Chief, Division for Policy, Evaluation and Training, Departments for Peacekeeping and Field Support, United Nations Representative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation

Maj. Gen. TPS Wairach, Additional Director General, Staff Duties Directorate, Ministry of Defense, India

Discussant  Dr Katharina P. Coleman, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia, Canada (background paper)

Discussion

1030  Coffee Break

1045  Session 4: Building Partnerships for Capacity-Building of Peacekeepers

Focus  Given the changing nature of peace operations and the increased complexity of modern missions and environments, what capacity-building partnerships will be required? How can the international community and its members best cooperate to ensure that peacekeepers in the future are identified, prepared and equipped in a way that supports future mission demands and environments?

Chair  Col Zhang Jiyu, Director, Peacekeeping Training Centre, Ministry of National Defence, China
Speakers
Ms. Carman Lapointe, Under-Secretary-General, Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), United Nations

Ms Victoria Holt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Department of State, United States

Mr David Haeri, Chief, Division for Policy, Evaluation and Training, Departments for Peacekeeping and Field Support, United Nations, tbc

Discussant
Mr David Lightburn, International Consultant on Peace Operations and Senior Adviser, Folke Bernadotte Academy (background paper)

1230 Working Lunch

1400 Concluding Session

Chair
Representative, China

Speakers
Mr Hervé Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations, tbc

Annika Hilding Norberg, Director, Challenges Forum, Folke Bernadotte Academy

Closing Remarks
Major General Huang Baifu, Vice Chairman, China Institute for International Strategic Studies, China

1530 End of Annual Forum 2014

1600 Challenges Forum Partners Meeting - Partner Organizations only

Chair
Mr Jonas Alberoth, Deputy Director General, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden

1730 End of Challenges Forum Partners Meeting

1900 Dinner

Thursday 16 October, 2014

0830 Departure for Police Peacekeeping Academy at Lanfang

Visit to Police Peacekeeping Academy

1200 Conclusion and transport to the Great Wall and Beijing sightseeing

2000 Departures begin and continue on Friday 17 October