

## Environmental Mainstreaming in United Nations Policing

### **(a) Brief description of the project**

In General Assembly resolution 70/286, Member States requested the Secretary-General to continue efforts to reduce the overall environmental footprint of missions, with the Security Council providing similar direction to missions in several resolutions<sup>1</sup>. To this end, the United Nations Secretariat and missions are implementing the DPO/DOS Environment Policy for Field Missions (2009) and the Environment Strategy (2017-2023). The objective of this project is to ensure United Nations Police's (UNPOL) systematic contribution to these efforts through the development and implementation of an UNPOL Environmental Mainstreaming Strategy.

Building on paragraph 23 of the Declaration of Shared Commitments on Peacekeeping on environmental management and recognizing the potential damage but also the positive impact that the more than 11,000 authorized UNPOL can have on the environment, local economies and relations with host-state communities, Heads of UNPOL Components and Police Division (PD) senior leadership committed in 2019 to implementing the UNPOL Environmental Management Framework (Annex). Accordingly, this project aims to mainstream environmental considerations in all aspects of United Nations policing, namely (i) the further advancement of the Strategic Guidance Framework for International Policing or SGF ([www.police.un.org/SGF](http://www.police.un.org/SGF)); (ii) the UNPOL Training Architecture Programme which facilitates the operationalization of the SGF to further improve performance; (iii) planning; (iv) selection, recruitment and pre-deployment readiness; (iv) advisory services and, importantly, (v) UNPOL operational support to and capacity development activities with host-state police and other law enforcement counterparts, especially during and following the COVID-19 pandemic period. The prioritization and sequencing of project activities will be informed by requirements identified UNPOL personnel and host-State counterparts in forthcoming baseline survey results.

In line with system-wide environmental rule of law efforts<sup>2</sup>, the project endeavours to further augment the positive impact and legacy of UNPOL where it serves by increasing its performance pursuant to Security Council resolution 2436 (2018) and reports of the Special Committee for Peacekeeping Operations (A/74/19 and A/72/19), and facilitating peace sustainment through environmental protection as outlined in the 2030 Agenda.

### **(b) Expected Outcomes, Outputs and Proposed Activities**

<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Outputs</b>	<b>Activities</b>
UNPOL and Police Division management and reduction of environmental footprint in support of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 6,7,13,14 and 15	Contribution to the Environmental Performance Risk Management Framework established by DOS (e.g. data reporting by missions)	Measurement and reduction of United Nations policing related indicators, in line with the proposed UNPOL Environmental Mainstreaming Strategy
Contribution to greater compliance with	Contribution to the United Nations Secretariat Climate Action Plan	Advisory services to host-state police services and other law
	Increased inclusion of international and national	

<sup>1</sup> For example, Security Council resolutions 2100 (2013), 2164 (2014), 2348 (2017), 2387 (2017), 2409 (2018), 2429 (2018), 2448 (2018), 2499 (2019), 2461 (2019), 2463 (2019), 2472 (2019).

<sup>2</sup> As illustrated in the first environmental rule of law report: <https://www.unenvironment.org/explore-topics/environmental-rights-and-governance/what-we-do/promoting-environmental-rule-law-0>

<p>Increased coherence of police-related guidance and operations in line with the SGF, as directed by the Security Council in its United Nations policing resolutions (S/RES/2185 and S/RES/2382) and the Secretary General in his recent reports on United Nations policing (S/2018/1183 and A/74/223).</p>	<p>Review of existing guidance to ensure coherence to international environmental policing standards</p>	<p>Analysis of international and national doctrine on environmentally responsive policing and integration of environmental aspects in all United Nations policing guidance documents, training curricula or backstopping.</p> <p>Preparation of speeches, policy papers, good practices/lessons, and briefing notes on environmental aspects for interactions with Member States and partners.</p>
<p>international and national environmental conventions, protocols and frameworks in line with SDG 16</p>	<p>environmental norms in strategic and operational policing documents</p>	<p>enforcement entities on environmentally responsive policing to facilitate environmental preservation</p>

**(c) Implementation Timeline**

This project is designed to be implemented over a period of two years, but this proposal is budgeted for one year, with the option of extending to a second year if funding is made available.

**(d) How does this project relate to internal and external United Nations partners?**

Host-State communities and police counterparts, Member States, United Nations Agencies, Funds and Programmes, as well as the African Union and European Union, will contribute to and benefit from this proposed project. Close cooperation is envisaged with the DOS/OUSG/Environment Section, UNPOL and other environmental focal points in missions and UNEP.

**(e) How gender aspects been included in the design and implementation of the project? How does it help the Department to implement their Women, Peace and Security and Gender Parity commitments?**

The Police Division Gender Affairs Officer reviews all initiatives with a view to ensuring gender considerations are reflected and supports the operationalization of gender-responsive policing in line with Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) and successor resolutions, and the third report of the Secretary-General on United Nations Police (S/2018/1183), to further advance the Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

**(f) (Brief explanation of any risks that the implementation of the project may face and how to mitigate them, including with regards to the impact of COVID-19.**

The COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions of travel and movement, will be mitigated through the utilisation of technological assets and services, including virtual fora. Retaining environmental expertise once the requested extra-budgetary funds subside will be a priority through advocacy with Member States on the benefits of this capacity and requests for additional regular and

extra-budgetary support. Non-compliance with proposed inclusions of environmental considerations in United Nations policing will be addressed through monitoring and advocacy efforts by the Police Division leadership and subject-matter experts, in line with the UNPOL Environmental Mainstreaming Strategy.

**(g) Proposed Budget**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Personnel	Salary <sup>3</sup> for 1xP4	242,988
Operating costs	Guidance development expenses	20,000
Travel	Assessments, mission visits, seminars	12,500
Training	Workshops and training support to host-State authorities and UN specialised police teams/senior-level UN Police management	37,500
Programme Support Costs (13%)		40,688
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$353,676</b>

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<sup>3</sup> Post estimates include salary for the period together with standard costs, which include the following costs: (i) Rental Premises; (ii) Office Supplies; (iii) Telephone and Fax; and (iv) Computing Services.