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Preparatory Conference for the 2021 Peacekeeping Ministerial Organized by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Safety and Security & Protection

**25 and 26 October 2021
8-11AM EDT**

In advance of the December 2021 UN Peacekeeping Ministerial in Seoul, Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands are organizing a preparatory conference on Safety and Security and Protection. The preparatory conference seeks to further the Action for Peacekeeping+ (A4P+) agenda by focusing on the importance of training and capacity building, health and medical support, mission integration, technology and community engagement¹.

In recent years, not in the least through the Secretary General's Action for Peacekeeping initiative, progress has been made on improving the safety and security of peacekeepers and protection of civilians. Efforts have been made to address deficiencies in the field of: training, capacity, leadership (at all levels), performance and accountability, medical capacities, equipment and other resources.

Goals:

- Examine how to meaningfully enhance safety and security of peacekeepers, as well as the protection of civilians.
- Lay the foundation for - and encourage - meaningful pledges on these topics for the 2021 Peacekeeping Ministerial.

Safety and Security

The operating environment for peacekeepers remains volatile with evolving threats to peace and security. Peacekeepers are deployed in deteriorating and complex political and security environments, face asymmetrical threats, and have increasingly become a target. As the challenges mount, we must commit ever stronger to the safety and security of UN peacekeepers. Efforts are needed to further enhance the protection of peacekeepers and promote it as a shared endeavor in accordance with A4P+.

Providing a safe and secure environment for all blue helmets requires a continuous adaptation of the capabilities and capacities of UN peacekeeping operations. By increasing the safety and security of peacekeepers, they will be better able to deliver on their mandates, including the protection of civilians.

Protection of Civilians

Protecting civilians is a fundamental mandated task within most peacekeeping missions.

¹ Ahead of the 2021 Seoul UN Peacekeeping Ministerial, a series of background documents have been developed, including several White Papers shared by the UN Secretariat, which are available [here](#).



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Protection responsibilities are, however, intrinsically linked to other mandated tasks, including, support to peace processes, promotion and protection of human rights, building rule of law and security institutions, and facilitating the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

In the area of protection advancements have recently been made. There is for example increased attention to the importance of context-specific (pre)deployment training. There remains room for improvement to ensure that each mission has a tailored approach to protection that is, amongst others, based on a solid understanding of protection mandates and responsibilities, as well as indicators of, and responses to, sexual violence in conflict.

Participation: The preparatory conference is intended for senior national experts on peacekeeping, peacebuilding, and sustaining peace. We welcome civilian and military participation from capital and New York, with a maximum of 10 participants per delegation. The registration link is: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SdeCckVMSTeJpcthfSkwbA

All participants are encouraged to come to the preparatory meeting prepared to identify and develop deliverables related to safety and security, as well as, protection of civilians.

Format: This preparatory conference will take place virtually over a period of two days. On both days, there will be a plenary opening session, followed by three simultaneous break-out sessions, and a plenary session to conclude. Participants will be provided with the opportunity to register for break-out sessions beforehand. The conference will be in English.



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Agenda

Monday, 25 October 2021: Safety and Security

- Day Moderator: **Joost Flamand**; Director Security Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands
- **08.00 a.m. Opening remarks**
 - **H.E. Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi**; Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
 - **H.E. Mr. Ben Knapen**; Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
 - **Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix**; Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations, United Nations
 - **Mr. El-Ghassim Wane**; Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of Mission, MINUSMA, Keynote Speaker on safety and security

- **09.00 a.m. Parallel break-out sessions**

- ❖ *Session 1: Peacekeeping Training and Capacity Building for PoC and Safety and Security*

- The effective development and execution of training and capacity building is a critical element to ensure that peacekeepers are adequately trained and fully equipped to ensure their own safety and security, as well as, for them to be able to exercise their mandates in the area of PoC.
- Guiding questions:
 - What training and capacity gaps exist in relation to safety and security and PoC?
 - What needs to be done to ensure all peacekeepers receive proper pre-deployment training on safety and security and PoC?
 - How can integrated scenario-based exercises in pre-deployment training be expanded and improved?

Moderator:

- **BRIG (R) Saleem Beig**; Head of the Peacekeeping Training Department at the Center for International Peace and Stability (CIPS), PAK

Panelists:

- **BRIG Joyce C Sitienei**; Director International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC)
- **BRIG (R) Azam Agha**; CIPS, Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- **Ms. Jennifer Pulliam**; Lead GPOI coordinator, USA
- **Ms. Lotta Hagman**; Head of Training Policy and Standards Team, Integrated Training Service, Policy, Evaluation and Training Division (DPET), DPO, UN

- ❖ *Session 2: Health and medical support*

- Basic medical preparedness, casualty and medical evacuation and the provision of medical and hospital coverage at all levels are fundamental to the safety and security of UN peacekeepers. Building on recent improvements and policy changes, it is urgent to provide adequate medical support, including along the full CASEVAC chain, as to reduce casualties and deaths of peacekeepers in peacekeeping missions. Other important priorities include: preventing and treating diseases, including COVID-19 and endemic infectious diseases, and the provision of mental health support.



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- Guiding questions:
 - How can we build on and further strengthen health and medical support in peacekeeping missions?
 - How can the full implementation of the 2020 UN policy 'Casualty Evacuation in the Field' be realized at mission level?
 - What are the possibilities and opportunities regarding the use of technology-supported medical services, including telemedicine?

Moderator:

- **Mulunge/Michael Kitivi**, Director, Uniformed Capabilities Support Division, DOS, UN

Panelists:

- **Prof. Dr. COL Eric Vermetten**; (military) psychiatrist and professor at Leiden University
- **COL Dr. Noshad Ali**; Director at Medical Directorate, Pakistan Army
- **Med LT COL Messanh Kokou Djossou**; Togo Level 2 Hospital Commander, MINUSMA
- **Dr. Sophie Montagnon**; Senior Medical Officer, UN Medical Emergency Response Team (UNMERT), DHMOSH, DOS

❖ *Session 3: Operational integration*

- In line with Action for Peacekeeping +, better integration of mission components would improve, amongst others, delivery on political goals, protection efforts as well as efforts to strengthen the safety and security of peacekeepers, and engagement with partners. Operational integration needs to be enhanced to achieve unity of purpose for greater impact. Ideally, integrated assessment and planning steers all peacekeeping operations.
- Guiding questions:
 - With the aim to enhance integration, how can the following be improved: integrated assessment, planning, mandate implementation, and reporting between uniformed, civilian and support units?
 - Can you share lessons learned regarding joint planning; what are necessary enablers?
 - How can Member States contribute to more effective operational integration?

Moderator:

- **Mr. Jair van der Lijn**; Director Peace Operations and Conflict Management Program of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

Panelists:

- **Ms. Hiroko Hirahawa**; Head of Field Office in Bentiu, UNMISS
- **LT GEN Dennis Gyllensporre**; Swedish Armed Forces (former Force Commander MINUSMA)
- **BRIG Ahmad Jawad**; Sector Commander MONUSCO
- **Ms. Rania Dagash**; Chief, Policy and Best Practices Service, Policy, Evaluation and Training Division (DPET), DPO, UN
- **LT COL Bjørn Inge Ruset**; Commanding Officer, Norwegian Defence International Centre (NODEFIC)

➤ **10.15 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Plenary recapitulation and closing of the first day.**



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Tuesday, 26 October 2021: Protection of Civilians

- Day Moderator: **Mr. Usman Jadoon**; Director General UN Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- **08.00 a.m. Opening remarks**
 - **H.E. Mr. Henk Kamp**; Minister of Defense of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
 - **H.E. Mr. Pervez Khattak**; Minister of Defense of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
 - **Mr. Christian Saunders**; Assistant Secretary-General for Supply Chain Management, DOS, UN
 - **Ms. Bintou Keita**; Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of Mission, MONUSCO, Keynote Speaker on Protection
- **09.00 a.m. Parallel break-out sessions**
- ❖ *Session 1: Technology for Safety and Security of peacekeepers and Protection of Civilians*
 - Technology has become more important as UN missions expand into complex environments facing multiple threats. It is vital for the protection of civilians and safety of UN-peacekeepers and a cross-cutting theme of the Ministerial. Technology can enhance the situational awareness and overall capabilities of the mission and can assist peacekeepers at the individual, unit/section, component and mission levels.
 - Guiding questions:
 - How can we improve solid data collection, data management and data-driven decision-making in missions? What is needed to ensure missions fully utilize existing information systems?
 - How can we strengthen IED threat mitigation and responses, as well as, provide missions with consistent and adequate C-IED/combat convoy capabilities?
 - How can we use technology to improve force protection, specifically integrated camp and convoy protection? What role can partnerships play?
 - How can we ensure a responsible use of technology?

Moderator:

- **Ms. Fatemeh Ziai**; Director, Coordination and Shared Services, DPO / DPPA, UN

Panelists:

- **Ms. Aamna Rafique**; Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad
- **MAJ Ellen Regeling**; Currently: Senior Policy Advisory, Counter Hybrid Unit, Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Former: Royal Netherlands Air Force, military analyst in the Office of Military Affairs, DPO and Programme Officer Peacekeeping Intelligence)
- **COL Gil Minyoung**; ICT standard director, Republic of Korea Army HQ
- **Mr. Anthony O'Mullane**, Director, Operations Support Division, Office of Information and Communications Technology, UN



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❖ *Session 2: Performance for PoC*

- Performance and accountability mechanisms in the area of protection increase institutional and individual responsibility and awareness, while strengthening the protection of civilians and enhancing the legitimacy and effectiveness of peacekeeping missions.
- Guiding questions:
 - What can TCC's and PCC's do to improve performance on PoC; e.g. by increasing accountability of commanding officers for performance through better posture, monitoring and corrective actions and incentives?
 - How can accountability mechanisms further enhance peacekeeping's mission in the area of PoC?
 - How can we improve evaluation practices and strategic partnerships between TCC's/PCC's and the Secretariat to strengthen performance and accountability for PoC?
 - What resources are required to enhance performance?

Moderator:

- **Mr. David Haeri**; Director, Policy, Evaluation and Training Division (DPET), DPO, UN

Panelists:

- **Ms. Lizbeth Cullity**; Deputy Special Representative and Deputy Head, MINUSCA
- **COL Sandra Keijer**; Programme Management Officer/ Expert on Police Performance, DPO, UN
- **Ms. Namie di Razza**; Political Affairs Officer, both Office for Peacekeeping Strategic Partnership (OPSP), DPO, UN
- **Prof. Salma Malik**; Professor at the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, Quaid-e-Azam University

❖ *Session 3: Community Engagement*

- Community engagement, while practicing “do-no-harm”, significantly contributes to the ability of peacekeepers to protect civilians. It strengthens the resilience and sustainability of peacekeeping efforts.
- Guiding questions:
 - How can peacekeepers enhance their ability to engage with all segments of the local population and build trust? How can we close gaps with respect to diversity and female participation?
 - What dedicated capabilities and expertise are needed to strengthen people-centered approaches to patrolling, military and police operations? How can the role of the military and the police component be further strengthened and integrated in community engagement?

Moderator:

- **Mr. Arthur Kibbelaar**; former POLAD to FC MINUSMA

Panelists:

- **Mr. Hans Rouw**; Program Lead for Protection of Civilians at PAX
- **Mr. James Bot**; Chief Civil Affairs, MONUSCO



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- **COL Kevin J. McLoughlin**; Director, Directorate of Land Force Development, Canadian Army Headquarters (Former Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, FHQ, MONUSCO)
 - **Ms. Helena Iqbal**; UN Police Commissioner, UNITAMS
- **10.15 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Plenary recapitulation and Closing session:** Conclusions and next steps in advance of the Ministerial
- **H.E. Amb. Cho Hyun**; Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea
 - **H.E. Amb. Munir Akram**; Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
 - **H.E. Amb. Yoka Brandt**; Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands