

## SSR standing capacity

(a) Brief description of the project

Objective of the project: SSRU proposes to place an SSR expert with the standing police capacity and standing justice and corrections capacity based in Brindisi, to respond to requests from peacekeeping and special political missions and non-mission countries for in-country, short-term SSR expertise, and to complement the expertise available through the SPC and SJCC in the areas of shared concern.

- Why the project is necessary and how it relates to the Department’s mandate and its high-level priorities?

The Security Sector Reform Unit (SSRU) provides policy guidance, advice and technical support to Member States, peacekeeping operations, special political missions, and other United Nations field entities, and must continue to do so after the peace and security pillar undergoes reform. The Headquarters team is small, stretched, and lacking in travel funds to respond to the many requests from the field for surge or specialist expertise.

- What is the expected impact of the project and what are their success factors?

The SSR standing capacity expert would increase the overall SSRU responsive capacity, and would deliver support to field operations and national authorities in non-mission settings consistent with UN SSR policies, guidance and best practice. The rapidly deployable expert would join police and rule of law experts engaged in mission start-up, planning, transition or drawdown processes, to ensure a coherent approach to these inter-linked areas of work.

The success of this initiative will be a function of the quality of expertise we are able to recruit and the availability of funds to cover the cost of deployment. While peace operations would not struggle to cover the deployment costs, SSRU would reach out to partners, including PBF and UNDP, to support the cost of deployment to non-mission settings. SSRU would also rely on UNDP to provide logistic support to the standing SSR expert in non-mission settings.

(b) Expected Outcomes, Outputs and Proposed Activities

| Outcomes  | Outputs  | Proposed Activities   |
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| Peacekeeping and special political missions obtain rapid, high-quality SSR expertise on-site, on demand | SSR expert responds to request for support from peace operations for 70% of the year, and produces reports and lessons learned documents and contributes to guidance development during the remaining 30% of the time. | SSR expert is recruited and undergoes training with the standing police, justice and corrections capacities in Brindisi to develop common approaches to providing support on overlapping areas of work (e.g., advising on institutional reform, planning and budgeting for security-related reform efforts in missions, joint programming in security-related areas, transition planning for the security sector) |
| National authorities avail of SSR expertise.  |  |   |

(c) Implementation Timeline

One year from the date of deployment of the SSR standing capacity expert.

(d) How does this project relate to internal (DPKO and DFS) and external United Nations partners (ie. DPA, DM, etc)?

The SSR standing capacity expert would respond to requests from DPKO and DPA-led missions and from UNDP in non-mission countries. The expert would be a resource for the Global Focal Point on Rule of Law, and would liaise with PBSO as appropriate to combine specialist expertise with programmatic funding available from the PBF.

(e) How gender aspects have been included in the design and implementation of the project?

SSRU will conduct outreach to identify qualified female candidates, and will ensure the expert is trained and accountable for providing gender-conscious advice and support.

(f) Brief explanation of any risks that the implementation of the project may face and how to mitigate them.

There is a small risk that there are periods of low demand for the standing capacity expert. SSRU will mitigate this risk through active outreach to peace operations and non-mission settings, and through active engagement in the Global Focal Point arrangement, to ensure that they budget for this service, and make full use of it.

(g) Proposed Budget

| <b>Item</b>                | <b>Brief Description</b> | <b>Total Amount</b>     |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| P5 SSR expert for one year | 12 months @ P5 salary    | \$281,595               |
| PSC (13%)                  |                          | \$36,608                |
|                            |                          | <b>Total: \$318,203</b> |