

Secretariat

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Secretary-General's Bulletin (SG21-02) Abolishing the Department of Safety and Security and reorganizing United Nations Police

The Secretary-General, for the purpose of strengthening Secretariat operations, promulgates the following:

Section 1

Purpose and scope

The present bulletin abolishes the ailing Department of Safety and Security and transfers much of its responsibilities and duties to United Nations Police.

Section 2

Shuttering of the department

- 2.1 The Department of Safety and Security is hereby closed for operations.
- 2.2 Dependent on need and abilities, staff members of the Department of Safety and Security may be moved to other departments or agencies by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General.

Section 3

Reorganizing United Nations Police

3.1 Alongside previously promulgated responsibilities, United Nations Police shall now provide leadership, oversight, strategic guidance, and technical support to the security and safety of the Secretariat, United Nations headquarters, and all other organizational entities.

Section 4

Director-General of United Nations Police

- 4.1 The Director-General of United Nations Police is accountable to the Under Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.
- 4.2 The Director-General is responsible for all activities of United Nations Police. The core strategic functions of the Director-General include:
 - (a) Advising the Secretary-General on all matters related to the security and safety of personnel and premises of the United Nations;
 - (b) Leading and managing United Nations Police;
 - (c) Representing or ensuring the representation of the Secretary-General on all security-related matters with governing bodies of the United Nations;

- (d) Preparing reports of the Secretary-General on all security-related matters;
- (e) Maintaining close liaison with the host countries' authorities and Member States to strengthen and implement the host countries' primary responsibility for the safety and security of United Nations staff; and
- (f) Taking all necessary measures on behalf of the Secretary-General to ensure that agency staff are properly trained and act accordingly in all matters assigned to them.

Section 5

Dual service

- 5.1 Members of United Nations Police are permitted to serve or maintain service in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.
- 5.2 The Under Secretary-General of Peacekeeping Operations shall promote dual service in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and United Nations Police.

Section 6

Prohibited and permitted conduct

- 6.1 United Nations Police shall never abridge the ability of Member States to perform organizational duties.
- 6.2 While securing the meetings of the General Assembly or the Security Council, United Nations Police may only remove the representatives of Member States with the direct approval of the presiding officer if the disruptive conduct in question is not so severe that it warrants immediate removal.

Section 7

Final provisions

7.1 The present bulletin shall enter into force on the date of its issuance.

(Signed) BlueKillerForever Secretary-General

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