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As Acting Senior Police Adviser to UNISFA, SPC policy and planning expert assists in start-up of UN police component in Abyei

On 16 March, SPC Policy and Planning Officer Mr. Francis Kwame Tsidi completed his six-month deployment to the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA), during which he served as Acting Senior Police Adviser and contributed in establishing the UNISFA police component, including reviewing the Mission's mandate and concept of operations and providing police related strategic advisory support.

With guidance from the UNISFA Force Commander and Head of Mission, Mr. Tsidi assisted in forming the Police Component at UNISFA Headquarters and one additional team site located at Agok.

Mr. Tsidi facilitated two (2) induction training sessions for new UN police officers, organized ten (10) seminars on various topics such as the UNISFA Police Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), and report writing, and supervised several police patrols.

During his deployment Mr. Tsidi supported UNISFA in establishing contact with local community and leaders to initiate future community-oriented policing for the Abyei Police Service (APS). He was engaged in several inter-community interactions toward reducing tensions between the Misereya and Ngok Dinka and represented UNISFA in undertaking various activities in cooperation with the Agok community



Group photo above shows Acting Senior Police Adviser to UNISFA, Mr. Francis Tsidi (center), with the UN Police Officers. From left: Mr. Wolano Tadesse Girmisso, Ms. Chernet Zewdnes, Mr. Tsidi, Mr. Gobena Fekadu, and Mr. Gebreyes Negash. As part of Ethiopian Army day celebration, on 16 February UNISFA organized a medal parade for all Ethiopian troops and police officers who have been in the service of the UN police for at least six months.

police leadership, various stakeholders, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Some of the documents produced for UNISFA included a UN Police Dry season plan, road traffic assessment report, UN Police induction course material, and a special report on the outcome of police technical team from Sudan and South Sudan. Mr. Tsidi also assisted in coordinating the preparation of a draft APS framework.

"Running a policing component which has no national counterpart to interact with was the most challenging aspect of my deployment

to UNISFA," said Mr. Tsidi. "The full support I gained from both the UNISFA and PD/SPC leadership and the vital input from the SPC Remote Assistance Team in Brindisi assisted me in achieving over 90% of the terms of reference of my deployment to UNISFA."

Recognizing the critical contributions to the Mission, particularly in trying to facilitate the discussions on the establishment of the APS between the technical teams of Sudan and South Sudan, UNISFA requested that Mr. Tsidi be redeployed from the SPC to continue as Acting Senior Police Adviser for an additional three months commencing 16 April.

SPC joins assessment mission to Guinea-Bissau

Led by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the UN Integrated Peace-Building Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS), a Technical Assessment Mission (TAM) was convened from 18 to 27 March 2013 to conduct an assessment of the overall situation in Guinea-Bissau and to make recommendations on the Mission's mandate and a possible adjustment of UN support to Guinea-Bissau.

The TAM included extensive interactions with the National Transitional authority, civil society, human rights organizations, international partners, regional organizations and the UN Country Team.

During the assessment mission, the Department of Political Affairs (DPA) led the delegates from headquarters including



SPC Training Adviser Mr. Amod Gurung (left) joins the UN team led by SRSO and former President of the Democratic Republic of East Timor and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Mr. José Ramos-Horta (right), in visiting a new Guinea-Bissau Police Training Center built through the funding support of the Brazilian Government.

TAM for the new Mission in Somalia

The Technical Assessment Mission for Somalia was undertaken by a multi-disciplinary team, including representatives of UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes, from 17-29 March 2013. Its work is grounded in the November 2012 UN Strategic Review and guidance of Security Council resolution 2093 (2013), as well as the TAM terms of reference, which emphasized the need for integrated and creative approaches to doing business in Somalia.

The TAM was led by DPA (Deputy Director Africa 1, Ayaka Suzuki) and included representatives of DPI, DPKO, DFS, DSS, OCHA, OHCHR, O/SRSG/SV (also representing SRSG/CAAC), PBSO, UNHCR, UNSOA, UNOAU, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP and the IMO.

SPC Team Leader Mr. Azim Arshad represented the Police Division and supported in conceptualizing and determining the role and size of police component of the new Special Political Mission in Somalia, to be

established by 03 June 2013 as per Security Council resolution 2093.

The team had detailed and constructive interaction with members of the Federal Government and Federal Parliament of Somalia, representatives of local administrations, a range of civil society actors and regional and international partners. In addition to Mogadishu, the team visited the "newly recovered" areas of Jowhar, Baidoa, and Beletdweyne, and the town of Galkayo. Part of the team travelled to Garowe, the capital of the regional State of Puntland, and to Hargeisa, capital of Somaliland.

The recommendations of the TAM, along with the Mission concept, will be submitted to senior leadership for review and approval, on which basis a report will be prepared and submitted to the Security Council. In parallel, forward planning for the new mission will begin, including deployment of an Advance Team.

SPC's support to UNDP Chad focuses on training curriculum review and implementation

Police Division/SPC renewed its support to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Chad through the deployment of Mr. Ahmed Abdelrahim, SPC training expert, from 11 January to 13 March 2013 to assist the Détachement Intégré de Sécurité (DIS), which is jointly supported by the UNDP and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in developing a Training Strategic Plan for 2013-2014 and in starting the implementation process of the training activities identified in the plan in N'Djamena and Abéché.

Upon arrival, the SPC training expert evaluated DIS training capacity in terms of its programmes, facilities, and the capacity, aptitude and qualifications of its trainers. Following the evaluation, the SPC training expert

supported DIS in developing a strategic plan accompanied by a Training Action Plan, Training Catalogue, Training Calendar, and a basic plan to establish a regional training centre in Abéché.

Mr. Abdelrahim assisted DIS in identifying technical partnerships and cooperation for specific training activities and designing a field training curriculum, as well as advised on the procurement of equipment and services as per the requirements of police training activities.

"This deployment reiterated that SPC, as a rapidly deployable unit of PD, could also be deployed strategically to provide time-limited and targeted advice, expertise and assistance in the field of institutional law enforce-

NORDEFECO UNMILPOC fact finding team visits SPC; Chief SPC conducts a briefing

On 19 March, the Chief of SPC, Mr. General Du Toit, briefed a fact finding team from the Nordic Defence Cooperation UN Military Police Course (NORDEFECO UNMILPOC) on the concept, structure, skills set, and challenges of the SPC and the United Nations Police in general.

The team, which was comprised of seven instructors for UNMILPOC, was also briefed by UNGSC on its Conference

and Learning Centre activities, as well as on its logistics, communications, and IT operations.

NORDEFECO was established on 4 November 2009 to strengthen the participating nations' national defence, explore common synergies and facilitate efficient common solutions for the five Nordic countries including Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

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UNDP (representing the UNDG), PBSO, UNODC, DPKO/ORoLSI, OHCHR, DFS and DSS.

SPC Training Adviser Mr. Amod Gurung represented the UN Police Division and provided input on all aspects related to the Police Reform Unit of UNIOGBIS.

The recommendations of the TAM will be submitted to the Secretary-General for inclusion in his report to the Security Council due in April 2013.

SPC has a long-standing association with the UN in Guinea-Bissau dating back to UNOGBIS, the predecessor to UNIOGBIS. SPC was first involved in developing a concept for the engagement of UN Police in the proposed UNIOGBIS. On 1 January 2010, UNIOGBIS was established and SPC members were deployed to commence start-up of the new police component within UNIOGBIS.



Mr. Ahmed Abdelrahim (center) together with DIS trainers during the closing ceremony of the "Instructor Development Course" held in N'djamena.

ment capacity-building not only to peacekeeping operations and special political missions but also to UN agencies, funds and programmes," said Mr. Abdelrahim.

SPC played a critical role in the development and training of the DIS during the start-up phase in 2007-2008 of the United Nations Mission in Chad (MINURCAT) and Central African Republic. It further supported the initial transition of support to DIS by the UNCT in the post-MINURCAT phase.



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SPC represents OROLSI in ISISC's meeting of experts to establish standards for human rights investigations

Held at the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISISC) in Siracusa, Italy, on 14 to 17 March, the Meeting of Experts on the Establishment of Principles and Best Practices for International and National Commissions of Inquiry discussed the need for comprehensive reform within the United Nations system of human rights fact-finding and adopted the "BICI Principles and Best Practices for International and National Commissions of Inquiry".

SPC Police Reform Adviser Mr. Georg Fliege and SPC Legal Affairs Officer Mr. Ravi K. Reddy represented the OROLSI and Police Division during the Meeting of Experts which was predominantly attended by esteemed jurists, attorneys and scholars specializing in International Law along with high-



Participants and organizers pose for a group photo during the Meeting of Experts held at ISISC in Siracusa, Italy. Photo credits: ISISC

level officials from the Governments of Bahrain, Qatar, and Libya, the United Nations, and international tribunals.

Intended to provide fair, objective and neutral standards for human rights investigations, among others, the "BICI Principles" were based on the experiences of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry, the United Nations and other fact-finding bodies.

ISISC is an Italian non-profit foundation accredited by the United Nations and

the Council of Europe. It is committed to education, training and research in the fields of international and comparative criminal justice, rule of law, and human rights.

ITS conducts Training of Trainers course on Protection of Civilians

On 18 to 22 March in Entebbe, Uganda, the Integrated Training Services (ITS) of DPKO and DFS held a Training of Trainers (ToT) course on Protection of Civilians (POC) aimed at familiarizing mission trainers and officers responsible for POC-related actions with Specialized Training Materials (STM) on POC at operational level and at establishing a pool of trainers that can support ITS in delivering in-mission training on POC.

SPC Team Leader Mr. Dag Dahlen and SPC Public Order Adviser Mr. Giorgio Giaimo were among the 26 partici-

pants who joined the five-day course, which also introduced the newly developed STM on mission-specific POC at tactical level.

The course included a wide range of modules, such as an overview of POC, principles of adult learning, training cycle and lesson design, methodology and evaluation, international legal dimensions of POC, prevention and response to conflict-related sexual violence, and POC in the context of UN peacekeeping operations.

SPC Team in Brindisi undertakes an intensive five-day safety and security training

To further strengthen capacity and readiness to be deployed to peacekeeping operations, the SPC Team in Brindisi participated in the Safe and Secure Approach to Field Environment (SSAFE) course, a five-day intensive training aimed at providing UN staff members the essential knowledge, awareness and skills required when called to work in high risk missions. The course was held from 18 to 22 March.

A total of twenty (20) participants including nineteen (19) SPC members and one member from the Justice and Corrections Standing Capacity joined the SSAFE course, which was developed by the Security Section of the United Nations Logistics Base/Global Service Centre (UNLB/GSC) in Brindisi in collaboration with the UN Department of Safety and Security in New York.

"As SPC is the readily deployable arm of the United Nations Police Division, it is crucial for our members to engage in this pre-deployment field security awareness training to ensure their ability to work effectively and safely in mission areas where security situation is unstable," said Chief SPC Mr. Generaal Du Toit.

The SSAFE course covered a wide range of topics including personal security, first aid and response, stress management, convoy and vehicle safety, hostage survival, negotiation, communications, weapons and mine

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SPC Team Leader Mr. Dag Dahlen (left photo) and SPC Public Order Adviser Mr. Giorgio Giaimo (right photo) delivering their presentations during the Training of Trainers course on Protection of Civilians.

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field awareness, aviation safety, and cultural sensitivity. The course included practical exercises and simulated scenarios.

Part of the programme was a practical exercise conducted in an Italian Air Force Military area located 50 km. north-west of Brindisi. The scenarios organized demanded participants to apply their acquired knowledge from classroom discussions such as following procedures, identifying threats, and responding to and coping with a range of critical and adverse situations. Participants stayed over-

night in the military area, where they slept in tents and prefabs and were provided "field meals" by the Italian Air Force.

UNLB/UNGSC Chief Security, Mr. Pompeo Leopardi, and UNDSS Trainer Mr. Benjamin O. Firempong facilitated the week-long course with the support of external entities that addressed and covered specific topics and expertise including the Italian Air Force, State Police (sharpshooters and bomb experts), Carabinieri and Military Red Cross (mass casualties).

"The positive feedback we have received from the participants confirms that we have successfully conducted the training," said Mr. Leopardi. "The success is also owed to the fact that we have involved external subject experts who added value to the modules. More importantly, the coordination and cooperation between the UNLB/GSC Security Section, external entities, law enforcement and the SPC in sharing resources and information was excellent which brought positive results."



SPC team members engage in outdoor practical exercises: in an hostage survival scenario (left) and in landmine awareness (right).

SPC in the field

In Sierra Leone, SPC supports UNIPSIL in implementing TAM recommendations



SPC Police Reform Adviser Ms. Jane Grausgruber

On 19 March, SPC Police Reform Adviser Ms. Jane Grausgruber departed for a two-month deployment to assist the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (UNIPSIL) in implementing the recommendations made following the Technical Assessment Mission (TAM) to Sierra Leone in January 2013.

The SPC support includes assistance in developing a joint UN strategy to support the Government of Sierra Leone in reviewing the security sector and support to UNIPSIL in implementing mandated tasks related to SSR including through a coordinated effort with UNDP, UNODC and other UN entities and key partners.

The UN Police Component in UNIPSIL is headed by OIC Mr. Christopher Ade Aterre. The SPC Advisor will be reporting to the ERSG through the UNPOL OIC. As noted early on by the arriving SPC adviser, the cooperation and welcoming support of the UN Police and other UNIPSIL staff is a clear indication of the commitment of all to achieve their mandated tasks in support of the Government of Sierra Leone.

SPC deploys investigations officer to Chad

SPC Investigations Officer Mr. Mahmoud Abu-Salman arrived in N'Djamena on 6 March as part of the extended support of the SPC to UNDP Chad. While on mission, Mr. Abu-Salman will assist the Détachement Intégré de Sécurité (DIS) in developing training material relating to investigation and judicial police, as well as in advising the DIS trainers during their activities in the training center. Mr. Abu-Salman will also facilitate a specialized training course on investigations for twenty-three (23) judicial police officers.



SPC Investigations Officer Mr. Mahmoud Abu-Salman facilitating the Judicial Police and Basic Investigation training course held on 02-12 March 2013 at DIS training center in Abéché.