MESSAGE FROM SPC CHIEF, MARIA APPELBLOM

I am pleased to share our quarterly newsletter outlining some of the support that SPC has provided over the past few months. Our deployments have increased significantly, a trend that I am sure will continue as we receive more requests for our expertise. We are continually reviewing our skill sets to ensure that they reflect your current priorities and I encourage you to review the current staff bios attached to this newsletter to see the full range of assistance that we can provide. I look forward to hearing from you!

Kind regards, Maria.

UNMISS: COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISER, WON HYUK IM

The SPC Community Policing Officer is currently in UNMISS applying the three tiers of the DPKO PoC Policy in assisting UNPOL to develop political, physical and programmatic approaches to Gender and Child Protection, not only to maintain PoC site security but also to foster a secure environment beyond PoC sites.

MINUSTAH: GERRIT SCHUT AND JEAN-YVES MAZARD

The 2 SPC IT Officers are currently working with UNPOL Strategic Planning & Development Section in MINUSTAH implementing an improved version of the H-SMART system. Based on lessons learnt, the revisions make data collection easier and more convenient, while also linking the H-SMART system better to measuring the impact of the activities in the HNP Development Plan.

MONUSCO: TOC ADVISER, STEPHANIE TIELES

SPC Transnational and Organized Crime Adviser, Stephanie Tieles, is currently in DRC to provide technical assistance to the MONUSCO police in an assessment of the host state police capacity to investigate, prevent and combat Serious and Organized crime. With her SPC TOC colleague, Derek Simmonds, they are working closely with New York SOC team colleagues. They provide advice to Missions on developing initiatives to support national law enforcement agencies in building capacity to respond to the threat posed by organized crime. Derek and Stephanie have also designed a SOC assessment model for use by Missions to assess host state police capacity that has been well received by PD HQ.

UNSO: SPC TEAM LEADER, LUCIEN VERMEIR

SPC Team Leader, Lucien Vermeir, has been in Somalia since March as Acting Police Commissioner. UNSOM Police have a close relationship with the Somali Police Force (SPF), as well as AMISOM and all other players and, despite difficult conditions, delivered substantial projects such as a digital radio communication network in Mogadishu. Lucien assisted SPF leadership to design the Heegan Plan which re-establishes basic policing services and will develop into a strategic document addressing all major challenges, defining the new policing model, renewing the legal framework, competency screening (and retraining) of SPF personnel, upgrading from basic to complete policing, etc. This exercise includes interacting with the federal government and regional states as Somalia moves towards a federal system.
The SPC Community Policing Adviser, Mona Nordberg, has been in Sierra Leone since May supporting the SLP on a nationwide Gender program and a Community Policing Project. The SPC Police Reform Adviser, Jane Rhodes, also deployed to Sierra Leone for 6 months and together they assisted UNDP and SLP to progress police projects including those relating to accountability, civilian oversight, asset management and human resources. They also instigated an innovative program to test the English language skills capability of Sierra Leone Police officers and measure the organizational requirements followed by targeted training to enhance literacy levels within the police.

Mr B.A. Nasir, SPC Police Reform Adviser, deployed to UNIOGBIS and provided assistance to refresh the assessment of different Law Enforcement Agencies, review interaction mechanisms (colocation) with national internal security institutions and support representatives from different LEAs to draft their Strategic Development Plan 2015-2019.

SPC Officers planned and implemented 3 FPU training events in Jordan including facilitating an initial meeting of the FPU Doctrine Review Group, running an FPU Refresher course for previously UN certified FPU instructors and an FPU Train the Trainers course. The preparations included liaison and coordination with the Permanent Missions of all the member states/PCC's and conducting the training for the 2 courses.

The SPC Gender Adviser has been in Chad to support the strengthening of the capacities of the Interior Security Forces by contributing to the ongoing training that SPC has been facilitating. These have included Public order, Criminal Investigations, Human Rights, Preventing and Investigating SGBV, Gender and Child Protection, Escort and Protection of Humanitarian. All of which were complemented by a Train the Trainers course to ensure sustainability by enabling the host forces to continue carrying out the training program themselves.

**SPC WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS PETER FAULHABER FROM CANADA AS THE SPC POLICE ANALYST AND JAIME CUENCA GIMENEZ FROM SPAIN AS A TRAINING ADVISER**