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# United Nations Peacekeeping Resource Hub Newsletter

**Latest Official Guidance (Policy, SOPs and Guidelines)**

### Weapons and Ammunition (Policy)

Over the years, thousands of weapons and millions of ammunition items have been deployed in UN peace operations. This poses a risk as weapons and ammunition are consistently in high demand from armed groups, terrorists, pirates and criminals. Therefore, it is vital that weapons and ammunition are managed in a standardized manner through a rigorous control system across all peace operations. This Policy provides a conceptual and operational framework to ensure an effective, efficient and coherent UN weapons, weapons-related equipment and ammunition management (WAM) and to ensure safety, security and accountability.

### Development of Energy Infrastructure Management Plans for UN Field Missions (SOP)

The cost of provision of electricity to peacekeeping facilities in the field is estimated to be between 2-3% of whole of mission costs. However, practice and research suggest that annual cost savings of up to 50% may be achievable with the right investments in equipment and processes. This SOP establishes a relatively standard and cost-effective process for developing and implementing mission-level energy infrastructure and project plans, as required under the DPKO-DFS Environmental Policy for UN Field Missions. Annexed templates provide practical tools, which can be adjusted to meet the specific needs of different contexts.

### Development of Waste Management Plans for UN Field Missions (SOP)

This SOP provides guidance to missions on the development of a waste management plan (WMP), as required under the 2018 Waste Management Policy. The primary aim of a WMP should be to achieve effective and sustainable management of solid and hazardous waste generated by the mission. In doing so, a WMP should help missions achieve the objectives of the DFS Environmental Strategy under the waste pillar, i.e. to improve waste management and to reduce the level of risk to personnel, local communities and ecosystems from waste. This SOP provides a comprehensive WMP template that can be adapted for use in missions.

### Guide for Senior Leadership on Field Entity Closure (Guidelines)

A field entity closure is a complex, high volume and sens activity. Realistic and well-structured closure plans are r a successful closure. A field entity facing closure must id full scope, level of effort and activities to be completed a possible. This present guide was developed to assist the Directors/Chiefs of Mission Support (D/CMS)/Chief Admi Office (CAO)/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to prepare ar field entity closure, building on established procedures a practices from recent closures in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI), Liberia (UNMIL) an (MINUSTAH). In addition to this guide, attached Annexes provide more deta technical guidance, as well as applicable key activities checklists for each ph liquidation process.

### Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System (PCRS) (Guidelines)

The Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System (PCRS) a establish a predictable and dynamic process of interactic UNHQ and Member States for ensuring readiness and tin peacekeeping capabilities. These Guidelines detail the pr related to the registration of all military, police and civil enabling capability pledges by Member States to the PCF Guidelines explain the organisation and structure of the required criteria to be observed by Member States so ple escalate within the System. These Guidelines are complementary to the Co Owned Equipment Manual and provide an umbrella to the Guidelines on Ra Deployment Levels.

### United Nations Use of Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Capabilities (Guidelines)

Unmanned Aircraft Systems have been employed in UN Peacekeeping Operations for five years and can support segments of a mission by enhancing situational awarene supporting the protection of forces, reducing the personi in dangerous environments and verifying reports on vuln people. These Guidelines give those personnel involved i generation and operation of UAS a consolidated descripti UNHQ recognised terminology and an overview of the va factors that should be considered when introducing UAS to UN Field Mission describe the variety of UAS that may be tasked, and the management of da generated by the UAS.

**Latest News from Training**

### Training to strengthen Mission Performance

To strengthen the capacity of trainers in the field and ensure that they are adequately equipped with the knowledge, skills, and behaviour required their duties, ITS conducted a series of courses for trainers drawn from peacekeeping and special political missions. The courses held in March 2019 the Conduct of Exercises to Strengthen Mission Performance; Management of Learning & Presentation Skills; Monitoring and Evaluating Training Pr using Participatory Methodologies; and Training of Trainers in Supervisory Skills Training. Of particular mention is the Supervisory Skills Training (S is conducted as a certification programme for increasing the pool of mission trainers that are capable of delivering supervisory skills training for sup and managers in the field thereby enhancing the management of resources. The skills of the SST trainers are further being strengthened through f webinars and video-conference sessions as well as practical application of the skills gained. ITS also delivered the second batch of a course on Miss Officers Planning Process at the end of April 2019. The first course on the subject held from 21-25 January 2019, targets the strengthening of the s Staff Officers (SOs) in military planning and decision making in peace operations. Those trained are to deliver similar courses for other Staff Officers with the goal of e mandate implementation.

### ITS Supports Training of DOS Staff

The Integrated Training Service facilitated the strengthening of the skills of new members of the Capacity Building and Operational Training Support of the Departmen Operational Support through the organisation of a course on Training Skills & Management of Learning from 11-15 February 2019. The course, which was well receive participants is to equip them with the ability to deliver training programmes to various audiences using participatory, practical and trainee-oriented methods. Other ac

be held by ITS in May, to support the enhancement of the skills of DOS staff include the delivery of Facilitation Skills courses for the Client Support Special Situations Section and Environment Officers & focal points.