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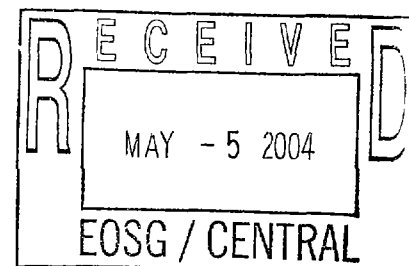
Note to Messrs. Guéhenno and Prendergast

Subject: Transfer of lead on Haiti from DPA to DPKO

1. Thank you for your note to the Secretary-General on the proposed transfer of lead on Haiti from DPA to DPKO. The Secretary-General approves the transfer and the arrangements agreed to between your departments as set out in your note.
2. The Secretary-General expects that DPKO, as the Chair of the Interdepartmental Task Force on Haiti, will ensure that interdepartmental consultations, both in the planning phase and during the lifespan of the mission, are structured in a meaningful and substantive way. He would wish to see the Task Force meet at a sufficiently high level and on a regular basis.
3. The Secretary-General also would like the "Core Group" at Headquarters to reflect the composition of the one proposed for MINUSTAH. This would entail OAS and CARICOM participation in deliberations at UNHQ as well as in Haiti. The "Core Group" also should convene at regular intervals, particularly in the planning and start-up phases of the mission.
4. The long-term, developmental, institution- and peace-building aspects of this mission require that the lead department avails itself, in a continuous and integrated manner, of the advice and involvement of all relevant entities in order to ensure the strongest possible support for the effective implementation of the mandate established by the Security Council.
5. The Secretary-General would like to be kept informed on a regular basis on progress in the planning and eventual deployment of the mission.

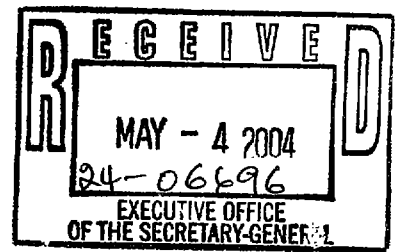

S. Imbal Riza
5 May 2004

cc: Deputy Secretary-General
Mr. Malloch Brown
Mr. Egeland



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Note to the Secretary-General

Transfer of lead on Haiti from DPA to DPKO ✓

We request your approval of the transfer of the lead on Haiti from DPA to DPKO based on the following:

1. Effective today, DPA will hand over to DPKO the lead on Haiti and the future United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH).
2. DPKO will assume responsibility for all aspects of the management of MINUSTAH, with full unity of command. DPKO will also assume responsibility for backstopping the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General, should this position be retained beyond 1 June. The 2000 Guidelines for the Implementation of the Lead Department Concept Concerning Field Operations will apply.
3. DPA will provide DPKO with a detailed hand-over note within one week after the hand-over. The note will cover, *inter alia*, all outstanding issues with the relevant background information and/or documentation. The hand-over note will cover the period from the submission of your final report on MICAH, which was closed in February 2001, to the present.
4. With the transfer of the lead, the chair of the Inter-departmental Task Force on Haiti will also be handed over from DPA to DPKO. The Task Force will continue to meet regularly.
5. DPKO will include DPA in policy discussions at Headquarters with the SRSG and/or his/her deputies. DPA will also be included in "core group" meetings at Headquarters. DPA will participate in the selection of high-level appointments in MINUSTAH as well as in the selection of the mission's political staff.
6. Consistent with its system-wide departmental responsibilities, DPA will support MINUSTAH, through DPKO, in the political realm, including in the areas of electoral assistance, peace-building and conflict prevention.
7. DPA will have reasonable access to the travel budget of MINUSTAH, subject to the availability of resources, in order to visit Haiti.



Kieran Prendergast
DPA


Jean-Marie Guéhenno
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3 May 2004

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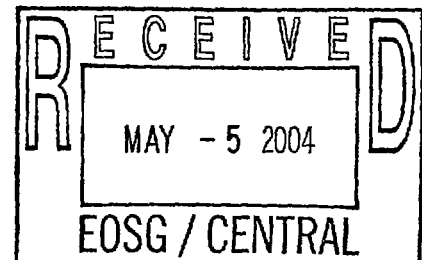
NOTE TO MR. PRENDERGAST

Palestinian Authority

1. Notwithstanding your advice in your note of 26 September 2002 (attached), we continue to receive from DPA letters with inaccurate titles. The last draft to Chairman Arafat, received on 26 April, used the formulation "President of the State of Palestine and President of the Palestine National Authority".
2. As suggested periodically in the past, could not DPA designate two or three competent and thoroughly briefed staff members to carefully review letters addressed at the political level before they are sent to this office for the Secretary-General's signature?

Thank you.


S. Iqbal Riza
5 May 2004

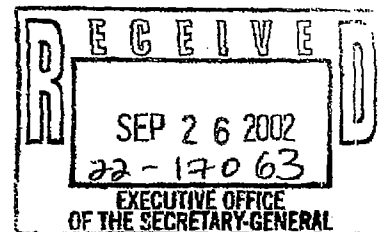


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Note to Mr. Riza

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY



1. Thank you for your note of 4 September. We share your view that Mr. Arafat should be addressed in a uniform and consistent manner regarding his title in official UN correspondence. The confusion stems partly from the fact that his title has evolved after the signing of the Oslo Agreement.

2. In an exchange of letters between the Prime Minister of Israel and the Chairman of the PLO, which was annexed to the Gaza-Jericho Agreement of 4 May 1994, the two sides agreed that after his return to Gaza and Jericho, Mr. Arafat would use the title "Chairman (Ra'ees in Arabic) of the Palestinian Authority" or "Chairman of the PLO", and would not use the title "President of Palestine". After the signing of this agreement, Mr. Arafat was addressed in international circles as Chairman or Head of the Palestinian Authority, in addition to his title as the leader of the PLO.

2. Following the Palestinian elections in January 1996, Mr. Arafat started to use the title "President" when signing official letters on behalf of the Palestinian Authority. This title has been widely accepted at the international level, including in official UN correspondence. However, in our replies to letters from Mr. Arafat we should not automatically repeat the full title used by him, which usually is: "President of the State of Palestine, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, President (or Chairman) of the Palestinian National Authority".

3. Our advice would be to use the following title: "Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, (and) President of the Palestinian Authority". Since Mr. Arafat is now unable to move beyond the Ramallah area, the correspondence addressed to him should be sent to Ramallah.

K. Prendergast

Kieran Prendergast
26 September 2002

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