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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. S. Iqbal Riza
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DATE: 16 October 2001

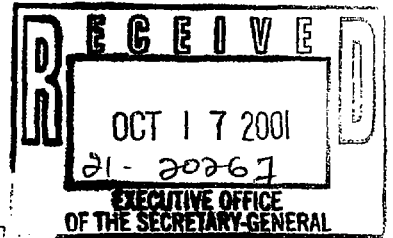
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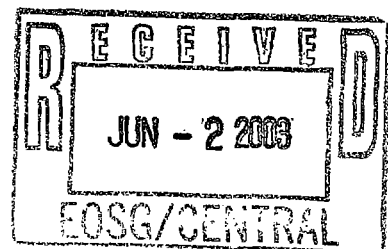
SUBJECT: **Inventory of task forces and working groups**
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With reference to your memorandum of 24 September 2001, I would like to bring to your attention the enclosed list of the task forces and working groups that fall under the chairmanship of the Department of Political Affairs.

Best regards.



DPA'S INVENTORY OF TASK FORCES AND WORKING GROUPS

Policy Working Group on the United Nations and Terrorism

Chair Kieran Prendergast, USG, DPA

Mandate: To identify the longer-term implications and broad policy dimensions of the subject of terrorism for the UN and formulate recommendations for the Secretary-General.

Level: USG, ASG, D2, plus outsiders including former USGs, ASGs.

Focal point: Mr. Mark Quarterman, Political Affairs Officer, DPA, ext. 3.1277

Senior Advisory Group on Afghanistan

Chair: Kieran Prendergast, USG, DPA

Mandate: To monitor developments and trends related to Afghanistan and South and Central Asia and to provide political advice to the Secretary-General.

Level: USG, ASG, Director, Senior Officers

Focal Point: Mr. Tamrat Samuel, Political Affairs Officer, OUSG/DPA, ext. 3.5489

Integrated Mission Task Force for Afghanistan

Chair: John Renninger, Director, Asia and Pacific Division, DPA (currently released to serve full-time as leader of the IMTF).

Membership: The composition of the IMTF is determined by and drawn from the membership of the Executive Committee on Peace and Security (ECPS). It may change over time, depending on the requirements. Current membership is as follows:

- **IMTF Core (full- or almost full-time):** DPA; DPKO; OCHA; DPI; UNDP; UNHCR and EOSG
- **IMTF Plus (focal points who meet regularly):** Core members plus OLA; ODCCP; WFP; UNICEF; DDA; OHCHR; UNSECOORD; OSSG. Other ECPS members (SRSG/CAC; the World Bank) have not yet sent participants.

Mandate: The Integrated Mission Task Force (IMTF) was established by the ECPS according to the procedures detailed in the Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations (A/55/305 – S/200/809, paragraphs 198-217) and the Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the report of the Panel on United Nations peace operations (A/55/502, paragraphs 49-59). The IMTF is responsible for Afghanistan and the surrounding region, and for the immediate response to the 11th September terrorist

attack. Specifically, it supports the work of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General; ensures that the Secretary-General receives coherent and comprehensive information, analysis and advice from all relevant parts of the system; and ensures that thorough contingency planning for the UN system's response to and potentially enhanced presence in or near Afghanistan is being undertaken. It has not been required to address the problem of terrorism and the global response to it in the longer-term. The IMTF reports to the ECPS and also provides input to the discussions of the senior Afghanistan Advisory Group.

Focal Point: Ms. Michèle Griffin, Political Affairs Officer, OUSG/DPA, ext. 3. 4812

Working Group on the Post-Cold War Security Framework

Chair: Kieran Prendergast, USG

Membership: Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Gambari, Mr. Brahimi, Mr. Desai, Ms. Mc Askie, Mr. Türk, Mr. Fall, Mr. Ruggie, Mr. de Soto, Mr. Hutter, Mr. Knutsson, Mr. Tharoor, Mr. Mortimer, Professor Franck, Mr. Malone, Sir Brian Urquhart.

Mandate: The group was established in June 1999 to consider the implications for the Charter and for the post-security system of NATO's decision to launch air strikes against the FRY. The goal of the group is to set up a conceptual framework for humanitarian intervention and to advise the Secretary-General on how to harness the trend. The Working Group meets two to three times a year.

Focal Point: Ms. Valerie de Campos Mello, Political Affairs Officer, OUSG/DPA, ext. 3.3437

TASK FORCE ON ANGOLA

Chair: Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, USG and Adviser on Special Assignments in Africa

Membership: DPA, DDA, OCHA, OHCHR, UNDP, UNICEF, DPKO, UNHCR, OCAC and WFP

Mandate: exchange of pertinent information and coordinate efforts that can relaunch peace initiatives in Angola.

Focal Point: Mr. Agostinho Zacarias, Senior Political Affairs Officer, Office of the Advisor on Special Assignments in Africa, extension 3-8435

JOINT WORKING GROUP ON BURUNDI

Chair: Mr. Tayé-Brook Zerihoun, Director, Africa I Division

Membership: DPA, DPKO, OCHA, OLA, UNSECOORD, UNDP, OHCHR, UNHCR, the World Bank and IMF

DPA, DPKO, OCHA, OLA and UNDP constituted a core group that serves as the “embryo” of a future IMTF for Burundi, when conditions are ripe for establishing such a body. The core group meets frequently on issues related to planning for an eventual UN operation in Burundi and serves as the focal point for UN support and assistance to the Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC) and its Executive Council (EC), both of which are chaired by the UN.

Mandate: facilitate the exchange of information and coordination of action among relevant UN offices.

Focal Point: Ms. Michele Poliacof, Senior Political Affairs Officer, Africa I, DPA, extension 3-3850

TASK FORCE ON WEST AFRICA

Chair: Mr. Ibrahima Fall, ASG, DPA.

Mandate: The Secretary-General indicated in his Seventh Report on the activities of UNAMSIL (S/2000/1055, para. 55) issued on 31 October 2000, that he had established an interdepartmental Task Force to provide recommendations concerning a coordinated and coherent United Nations response aimed at addressing the multifaceted problems confronting the subregion, taking into account initiatives underway or being proposed by the various actors.

Level of Operation: The Task Force is chaired by DPA, generally by ASG Fall, and, in his absence, by the Director of the Africa II Division. It meets weekly with representation generally at the working level. Periodic meetings are held at the directors/principals level. It is currently supported by a three-person interdepartmental Core Working Group, established for a three month period from September 2001, which is focusing on the implementation of recommendations made in the report (S/2001/434) of the Inter-Agency Mission to West Africa which visited the sub-region in March 2001.

Focal Point: Ms. Kathryn Jones, Political Affairs Officer, Africa II Division, Department of Political Affairs, ext. 3-5518.

BALKAN WORKING GROUP

Chair: Mr. Danilo Türk, Assistant Secretary-General, DPA.

Mandate: The Working Group on the Balkans was established in March 2001 by the ECPS to deal with various aspects of the situation in the Balkan region and in individual countries that might affect the region. The goal is to facilitate a regional approach to the Balkans that needs to be enhanced. The group provides policy option recommendations for the UN leadership through existing channels, i.e. ECPS, ECHA, UNDG, and policy guidelines to relevant UN Departments and agencies, as appropriate. It provides an interface between various parts of the UN system as well as between HQ and the field in order to ensure an adequate response to emerging challenges and a consistent and comprehensive approach to existing problems.

Membership: DPA, DPKO, OCHA, UNHCR, OHCHR, WFP, DDA, UNDP, UNICEF

Focal point: Ms. Ana Jimenez, Political Affairs Officer, Americas and Europe Division, DPA, ext. 3-3893

DPA Prevention Team (*N.B no other departments / agencies part of the Prevention Team*)

Mandate: The main focus of the Team's work is early warning and prevention. It works with regional Divisions and other units of the Department to a) examine the most pressing situations that may have a potential to develop into a complex emergency, conflict, or any other circumstance where there may be a prima facie case for UN preventive action or peacemaking involvement, and b) to provide a departmental mechanism for peer review and cross-fertilization of experience in order to develop various possible preventive action options.

Level: The Team is composed of the Deputy Directors (or Officers- in-Charge) of the four regional Divisions and representatives of the OUSG and the two OASGs.

The Team is chaired by one of the ASGs, a Director or Deputy Director (depending on availability).

(Desk officers will be present when their prevention papers are discussed by the Team. Directors may also choose to participate in Team meetings to discuss issues of particular concern to them).

Focal point: Mr. Axel Wennmann, Associate Political Affairs Officer, ext. 3.7559.