



3rd International Forum for the Challenges of Peace Operations

Challenges of Protecting Civilians in Multidimensional Peace Operations

Host: Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence, Australia

Venue: Queanbeyan Centre for Performing Arts

Date: 27-29 April 2010

Programme

Sunday 25 April

0430- 1230 Cultural Day - ANZAC Day commemorations and events (see separate programme)

Monday 26 April

0900-1300 Challenges Partners Meeting, Crowne Plaza Canberra Hotel, Canberra (see separate agenda)

1800 **Challenges Partner's Reception** hosted by H E Mr Sven-Olof Petersson, Ambassador of Sweden to Australia, at the Ambassador's Residence, 5 Turrana Street, Yarralumla, Canberra (by invitation). Transport depart Crowne Plaza Hotel 1740 hrs.

Tuesday 27 April

0735 Transport from accommodation to the Queanbeyan Centre

0830 Registration and Networking (tea/coffee)

0900 **'Welcome to Country'**

0910 **Challenges Forum 2010 Briefing**

Supt Nigel Phair, Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence;
Maj Gen (Retd) Michael G. Smith, Executive Director, Asia
Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence / Australia; and

Ms Annika Hilding-Norberg, International Coordinator,
Challenges Forum, Folke Bernadotte Academy / Sweden

0930 **Official Welcome and Opening**

Welcome and Opening Address

The Hon. Dr Mike Kelly, Parliamentary Secretary for Defence
Support / Australia

0950 **The Challenges Forum and Protection: Objective and Issues**

Mr Henrik Landerholm, Director General, Folke Bernadotte
Academy / Sweden

Mr Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Patron, Challenges Forum, and Former
Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, United
Nations / France

1015 Challenges Forum 2010 Photograph and Morning Tea

1100 **Session 1: The Global State of Peace Operations**

*Focus: What are the scope, nature and challenges for contemporary peace
operations and their impact on the protection of civilians?*

Chair: Lt Gen (Retd) Satish Nambiar, Member, High Level Panel on
Threats, Challenges and Change / Former Force Commander,
UNPROFOR / Member of Advisory Group, Security Council
Report / Senior Adviser, Challenges Forum / India

Panel: *Scope and Challenges of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations*
Mr Dmitry Titov, Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and
Security Institutions / United Nations

*Trends, Facts and Figures - Annual Review of Global Peace
Operations*

Mr Jake Sherman, Associate Director, Center on International
Cooperation, New York University / United States

*Key Issues for the Effective Protection of Civilians in Armed
Conflict*

Maj Gen (Retd) Tim Ford, Former Military Adviser, Department
of Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations / Former Chief of
Staff, UNTSO / Australia

1230 Lunch

1330

Session 2: Protection of Civilians in United Nations Peacekeeping Operations

Focus: What are the political requirements and limitations that influence the effective protection of civilians in United Nations peacekeeping? What are the challenges for the United Nations in being able to agree and implement a unified protection strategy from the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Member States? Can protection be effective in situations where a peace to keep is ambiguous or non-existent?

Chair: HRH Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Husseini, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United States / Jordan

Panel: *Protection Successes, Setbacks and Challenges*

H E Dr Augustine P. Mahiga, Permanent Representative of Tanzania to the United Nations and Chair of the DPKO/OCHA Jointly-Commissioned Independent Study on 'Protection of Civilians' Mandates in UN Peacekeeping Operations /Tanzania

Challenges in Applying Protection Mandates

Mr Amr Aljowaily, Director of United Nations Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Egypt

Protection of Civilians: A United Nations Cross-Cutting Issue

Dr William Durch, Senior Associate, Henry L. Stimson Center / United States

1500

Afternoon Tea

1530

Session 3: Protection of Civilians - Regional Approaches

Focus: What regional and non-UN approaches to the protection of civilians in armed conflicts are being, or have been, applied? Can protection be effective in situations where the peace to keep might be ambiguous or non-existent?

Chair: Ms Sylvie-Agnès Bermann, Director, United Nations, International Organizations, Human Rights and Francophonie, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs / France

Panel: *The African Union Approach to the Protection of Civilians in Darfur and Somalia*

Mr Olabisi Dare, Political Analyst and Focal Point for Somalia, African Union Commission / African Union

A Field Perspective

Gen Martin Agwai, Former Force Commander, UNAMID / Former Chief of Defence, Nigeria / Former Deputy MILAD,

Department of Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations / Nigeria

A Regional Approach to the Protection of Civilians in the South Pacific

Dr Lesi Korovavala, Protection Officer, UNHCR Regional Office, Canberra / Australia

1700 Transport to accommodation

1900 **Official Dinner, Parliament House** (by invitation)
Host: The Hon. Dr Mike Kelly, Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support / Australia
Introduction of Guest Speaker: Deputy Police Commissioner Peter Drennan, Australian Federal Police / Australia
Challenges for Peace and Security in Africa
Guest Speaker: Mr El Ghassim Wane, Director for Peace and Security / African Union
Transport depart Hotel 1830 hrs.

2200 &
2230 Transport to accommodation

Wednesday 28 April

0730 Transport from accommodation to the Queanbeyan Centre

0830 **Session 4: Considerations for Senior Leadership in UN Peacekeeping Missions**

Focus: Presentation and forum discussion on the key findings of a Challenges Partners Project aimed at identifying and advancing concepts to help improve senior mission leadership in UN multidimensional peacekeeping operations, building on the UN capstone doctrine of 2008 "United Nations Peacekeeping Operations - Principles and Guidelines". The session is intended to be an inclusive discussion to contribute positively to the continuing development of UN senior mission leadership.

Chair: Ms Sylvie-Agnès Bermann, Director, United Nations, Organizations, Human Rights and Francophonie, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs / France

Speakers:

Maj Gen (Retd) Robert Gordon, Senior Adviser, Challenges Forum / United Kingdom and Mr Andreas Sugar, Considerations Project Coordinator, Challenges Forum / Denmark

Co-Chairs of Considerations Project Working Groups:

Maj Gen Muhammed Tahir, Former Deputy Force Commander,
UNMIL / Senior Adviser, United Nations Matters, National
Defence University / Pakistan

Prof William J. Flavin, Director of Doctrine and Concepts, U.S.
Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute / United
States

Dr Ann Livingstone, Vice President, Pearson Peacekeeping Centre
/ Canada

Lt Gen Parmendra Singh, Director, United Service Institution of
India / India

H E Ms Soad Shalaby, Director, Cairo Regional Center for
Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa /
Egypt

Maj Gen (Retd) Tim Ford, Adviser, Asia Pacific Civil-Military
Centre of Excellence / Australia

Mr Henri Boshoff, Head of Peace Missions Program, Institute for
Security Studies / South Africa

1000 Morning Tea

1030 **Session 5: Applying Protection in United Nations Missions**

*Focus: What guidance and resources are required to ensure that
protection of civilians is implemented effectively?*

Chair: Ms Victoria K. Holt, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of
International Organization Affairs, Department of State and Co-
Author of DPKO/OCHA Jointly-Commissioned Independent
Study on 'Protection of Civilians' Mandates in UN Peacekeeping
Operations / United States

Panel: *Guidance from United Nations Headquarters in Applying
Protection in United Nations Missions*

Ms Izumi Nakamitsu, Director, Division for Policy, Evaluation and
Training / United Nations

*Ensuring a Humanitarian Approach in Applying Protection in
United Nations Missions*

Mr Hansjoerg Strohmeyer, Chief, Office of the Coordination of
Humanitarian Affairs Policy Development and Studies Branch /
United Nations

*Case Study: Protecting Civilians in United Nations Stabilization
Mission in Haiti*

Lt Gen Carlos dos Santos Cruz, Former Force Commander,
MINUSTAH / Brazil

1230 Lunch

1330 **Session 6: Military and Police Requirements for Effective Implementation of Protection of Civilians Mandates**

Focus: What protection tasks should military and police forces undertake? What capabilities and training do they require?

Chair: Amb Robert Hill, Former Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York, and President of United Nations Association of Australia / Australia

Panel: *Policing Considerations*

Police Commissioner (Retd) Andrew Hughes, Former Police Adviser, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations / Australia

Military Considerations

Maj Gen (Retd) Patrick Cammaert, Former Division Commander, MONUC / Former Military Adviser, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations / Former Force Commander, UNMEE / Netherlands

Case Study: Protection and Timor-Leste 2006

Col Brian Cox, Australian Army / Australia

1500 Afternoon tea

1530 **Session 7: Protection of Civilians, Conflict Prevention & Human Rights**

Focus: What protection mechanisms can be applied by United Nations missions to promote conflict prevention and human rights?

Chair: Mr Richard Towle, UNHCR Regional Representative for Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific / United Nations

Panel: *The ICRC Approach to the Protection of Civilians*

Mr Pierre Gentile, Head of Protection of Civilians Unit, ICRC, Geneva / Switzerland

Protecting Women

Ms Anneke Van Woudenberg, Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch / Netherlands

Civilian Protection in the Mindanao conflict – An Emerging Consensus
Pastor Reu Montecillo, Chairman, Mindanao People's Caucus

- 1710 Transport to Australian War Memorial – War Memorial tour
- 1900 **Official Dinner, Australian War Memorial**
Host: Senator The Hon. John Faulkner, Minister for Defence / Australia
Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project, Lt Gen John Sanderson (Retd) / Australia
Personal Reflections on Peacekeeping
Guest Speaker: HRH Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United States / Jordan
Transport depart Hotel 1815 hrs.
- 2200 & Transport to accommodation
2230

Thursday 29 April

- 0730 Transport from accommodation to the Queanbeyan Centre
- 0830 **Session 8: The Rule of Law and the Protection of Civilians**
Focus: What are the key rule of law considerations for protection of civilians in UN peacekeeping missions?
- Chair: Mr Dmitry Titov, Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations / United Nations
- Panel: *A Research Perspective*
Prof Charles Sampford, Director, Institute for Ethics, Governance & Law (a joint Centre of the UN University, Griffith University, Australian National University & Queensland University of Technology) / Australia
- An Afghan Perspective*
Mr Nader Nadery, Deputy of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission / Afghanistan
- 1000 Morning Tea
- 1030 **Session 9: Working Groups – Six Parallel Sessions**
Focus: Working Groups will concentrate on specific protection issues, seeking to identify a limited number of recommendations for consideration in the subsequent plenary discussion

Chair: Mr Shigeki Takizaki, Director, International Peace Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Japan

Working Group I: Protection of Civilians: Responsibilities and Priorities of the UN Security Council and the UN Secretariat. *Focus: What are the responsibilities of the UN Security Council and UN Secretariat in enhancing the protection of civilians and what are the priorities?*

Working Group II: Protection of Civilians: Responsibilities and Priorities for UN Senior Mission Leadership. *Focus: What are the responsibilities of UN mission senior leadership teams in implementing protection in the field and what are the priorities?*

Working Group III: Protection of Civilians: Military Responsibilities and Requirements. *Focus: What tasks should the military perform to enhance the protection of civilians, and what does the military require to implement these tasks? What capabilities and training do they require?*

Working Group IV: Protection of Civilians: Police Responsibilities and Requirements. *Focus: What tasks should the police perform to enhance the protection of civilians, and what does the police require to implement these tasks? What capabilities and training do they require?*

Working Group V: Protection of Civilians: Challenges for International Humanitarian Law, Refugee Law and Human Rights Law. *Focus: What are the key challenges in applying international humanitarian law, refugee law and human rights law to enhance the protection of civilians? Are there new challenges?*

Working Group VI: Protection of Civilians: The Relevance of the Rule of Law. *Focus: What are the key rule of law considerations for UN peacekeeping missions in implementing mechanisms to enhance the protection of civilians?*

1230 Lunch

1330 **Working Groups Reporting Back to Plenary and Discussion**

Chair: Mr Shigeki Takizaki, Director, International Peace Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Japan

Panel: Working Group Co-Facilitators

1500 Afternoon Tea

1530 **Session 10: Concluding Session**

Chair: Amb Robert Hill, Former Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York, and President of United Nations Association of Australia / Australia

Challenges Forum 2010 Summary of Key Issues

Mr Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Patron, Challenges Forum, and Former Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations / France

Concluding and Looking Ahead

Ms Annika Hilding-Norberg, International Coordinator, Challenges Forum, Folke Bernadotte Academy / Sweden

Closing Remarks by Host of Challenges Forum 2010

The Hon. Dr Mike Kelly, Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support / Australia

Invitation to the International Forum for the Challenges of Peace Operations 2011

H E Ms Soad Shalaby, Director, Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa / Egypt

Concluding Remarks

Maj Gen (Retd) Michael G. Smith, Executive Director, Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence / Australia

1700 **End of 3rd International Forum for the Challenges of Peace Operations**

1710 Transport to accommodation/airport

Friday 30 April

0900-1100 Challenges Partners Meeting, National Convention Centre, adjacent to the Crowne Plaza Canberra Hotel, Canberra (see separate agenda)

1130 Transport to International Deployment Group facility of the Australian Federal Police

1200-1600 Visit to International Deployment Group facility of the Australian Federal Police (separate programme to be issued)

1605 Transport to accommodation/airport