

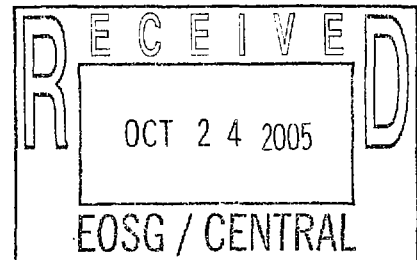
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**Note to the Secretary-General
Through the Deputy Secretary-General**

18 October 2005 Policy Committee decisions

Please find attached the decisions from the 18 October 2005 meeting of the Policy Committee, for your review and signature.

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David Haeri
21 October, 2005



TO: Members of the Policy Committee
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FROM: The Secretary-General

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SUBJECT: Decisions of the 18 October Policy Committee Meeting

OBJET:

Decisions of the Secretary-General
Policy Committee Meeting of 18 October 2005

Decision No. 2005/23 – Good Offices and Mediation

- (i) In light of the Summit Outcome decisions regarding the need for strengthened good offices, DPA, as focal point for good offices and mediation, should be strengthened. **(Action: DPA)**
- (ii) A Mediation Support Unit (MSU) should be established in DPA to support work on functional and thematic issues, formulate best practices and lessons learned, ensure systematic linkages between mediators and expertise across the UN system, and manage training and links to external expertise and potential outside mediators. The MSU would provide a service to DPA Regional Divisions and DPA-supported mediators but it would also be a resource for whole UN system and for non-UN mediators. Pending budgetary approval for the MSU, an initial, interim capacity should be established through the redeployment of posts. **(Action: DPA, DM)**
- (iii) DPA's Executive Office should be strengthened somewhat to allow it to better support good offices and mediation functions. DPA should consult with DM and OPPBA on the appropriate steps to put forward a new resource request. DPA should also consult with DPKO to ensure that this new capacity is consistent with ongoing DPKO logistical and administrative support to DPA field presences. **(Action: DPA with DM, DPKO)**
- (iv) DPA's further proposals for resources additional to those already included in the draft PBI document for 2006-08 are not accepted at this time. A strategy for articulating a wider DPA reform programme should be developed. The opportunities for this presented by the pending UN-wide mandate review should be explored. **(Action: DPA)**

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