

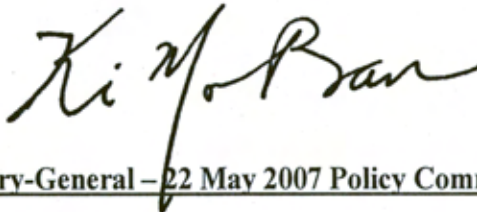
TO: Members of the Policy Committee
A: Participants at the 22 May Policy Committee meeting
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FROM: The Secretary-General
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SUBJECT: Decisions of the Secretary-General – 22 May 2007 Policy Committee Meeting
OBJET:

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Decision No. 2007/27- Northern Uganda

- i. The UN will focus on the following strategic objectives in northern Uganda:
 - (a) Facilitate the successful completion of a comprehensive peace agreement that will lead to an early and sustainable return to normalcy in northern Uganda;
 - (b) Facilitate the implementation of agreements reached, in particular the effective monitoring of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (CHA);
 - (c) Endeavour to ensure that a comprehensive peace agreement addresses the question of justice and accountability through national and international judicial accountability mechanisms;
 - (d) Ensure the support of regional countries to the peace process and their engagement in dealing with security issues caused by the activities of the LRA;
 - (e) Coordinate UN activities and help sustain international support for the Juba Peace Talks and the Special Envoy for the LRA affected areas.
- ii. In line with these strategic objectives, the UN will strengthen the support and the capacity of the SESG through the following measures:
 - (a) An Inter-Departmental Task Force on northern Uganda will be established at Headquarters to support the SESG's efforts to sustain the peace talks, to coordinate activities of UN participants and to start planning for UN support to a future peace agreement; **(Action: DPA and relevant UN entities)**
 - (b) A temporary unit/liaison office of the SESG will be established in Kampala, and a small support office will be established in Juba for the duration of the talks; **(Action: DPA)**
 - (c) OCHA's role as provider of administrative support to the Government of Southern Sudan via the Juba Initiative Project (JIP) is endorsed;
 - (d) Close consultation will be maintained amongst MONUC, UNMIS and the SESG on security matters involving the LRA;
 - (e) MONUC and UNMIS will continue to provide logistics and security support to the Juba Peace Process within their current mandates and capabilities, based on clearly defined parameters including financial implications; **(Action: DPKO, DPA and DM)**
 - (f) A UN Expert for matters related to accountability and justice and a Gender Adviser (funded by OHCHR and UNIFEM respectively) will be appointed so as to be available to the SESG and called upon as necessary to support the mediation. The SESG will draw on the UNCT for advice on other areas of importance, particularly child protection and public information.

iii. The core budget for the unit liaison office of the SESG in Kampala and the support office in Juba is supported. Funding options for air support for the SESG facilitation team should be finalized in a meeting of concerned departments, by 30 May. **(Action: EOSG, DM, DPA, DPKO and OCHA)**

iv. A high-level meeting, chaired by the EOSG and including DPA, OHCHR, OLA, DPKO and OCHA will be convened between 29-31 May with the view to craft a unified approach for the Secretariat on justice and accountability issues as they relate to a comprehensive peace agreement.

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