TO: All Field Missions

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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISER AND FOCAL POINTS FOR OMA AND FIELD MISSIONS

References:
A. General Assembly Mandates (Fifth Committee A/RES/70/286 of 2016, C34 A/72/19 of 2018).
C. DPKO/DFS Environmental Policy for UN Field Missions dated June 2009.
D. DPKO/DFS Waste Management Policy for UN Field Missions dated September 2015.

1. References C and D were developed to help implement the General Assembly and Security Council Mandates requesting to reduce and manage missions’ environmental footprint. The Environmental Policy requests that: “The Force Commander will appoint an official of the Force to serve as the focal point within the military component of the mission to liaise with the Environmental Officer and to deal with environmental issues within the military component.” To increase efficiency, this appointment is to be replicated in sectors or regions where in place, and in each camp in all missions.

2. The three-tier structure is expected to help effective dissemination of the requirements of the Policies as well as ensure an effective supervision across all levels of the missions. The structure is to make reporting lines easy bottom up and vice versa. In this regard, FHQs are to identify a post which can be abolished to accommodate the Mission Military Environment Adviser who will be recruited by FGS as per the attached job description provided in annex d, while Sector and Camp Environment Focal Points are to be nominated to do this job in addition to their assigned duties. Until the Mission Military Environment Adviser is recruited, it is important to appoint a Military Environmental Focal Point at FHQ level in order to respond to the pending 2016 recommendation of the Board of Auditors.
3. The implementation is to take effect from June 2018. The names of all personnel appointed should reach the OMA Focal Point at theodora.agornyo@un.org not later than 30 April 2018, using the attached Excel sheet prepared in both French and English. The OMA Focal Point will send additional information and guidance to missions from time to time.

4. Find attached the following documents for your information and action.
   a. Environmental Policy for UN Field Missions.
   b. Waste Management Policy for UN Field Missions.
   c. Word Template on Standard Operating Procedure.
   d. Terms of Reference - Mission FHQ Military Environmental Adviser/Focal Point.
   e. Terms of Reference – Sector/Regional Military Environmental Adviser/Focal Point.
   f. Terms of Reference -Camp Military Environmental and Waste Management Focal point.
   g. Excel Template on Overview Mission Military Environmental Focal Points [which gathers all the names of the mission’s military environmental advisers and focal points]

5. Please acknowledge receipt.

Best regards,
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