



Position Title: Sector/Region Military Environmental Adviser/Focal Point¹

Section/Unit : [Mission]/ODMS/Environmental Unit

Reporting to: t.b.d.

Period of appointment: t.b.d.

Job Description

The Director/Chief of Mission Support is in charge of implementing the DPKO/DFS Environmental Policy UN Field Missions (2009.6) and the DPKO/DFS Waste Policy for UN Field Missions (2015.06) at the field level and, through its delegation of authority to the mission's Environmental Officer, is responsible for coordinating and monitoring all environmental issues across the field mission and ensuring that the civilian, military and police components are working in compliance with this policy as well as implementing related General Assembly and Security Council mandates² requesting to reduce and manage environmental footprint of each peacekeeping operation.

Paragraph 7.28 of the generic model of the Memorandum of Understanding in the Chapter 9 of the COE Manual (A/72/288) states that: "*National contingents will appoint, where requested by the Force Commander, officials to serve as environment focal points.*" Also, Paragraph 26 of the DPKO/DFS Environmental Policy for UN Field Missions (2009.06) calls for the appointment of "[...] *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.*"

In order to increase efficiency, a Sector/Region Military Environmental Adviser/Focal Point is also required.

The Sector/Region Military Environmental Adviser/Focal Point helps coordinating environmental aspects management at the sector/region level within the military component.

The Sector/Region Military Environmental Focal Point will focus on:

1. Energy conservation and a shift to renewable sources
2. Water conservation and wastewater management
3. Solid waste management

¹ A full time Military Environmental Adviser is preferred. However, if this is not possible, the Terms of Reference are still valid for a Military Environmental focal point.

² The C34 mentions the need to reduce the environmental footprint of UN field missions since 2011; A/65/19 (paras 216 and 278), A/66/19 (para 288), A/68/19 (para 314), A/69/19 (para 325), A/70/19 (paras 313, 317, 368).

*The 5th committee also gives a clear mandate on reducing the overall environmental footprint of each peacekeeping mission; A/RES/70/186 (para 31), A/RES/69/307 (para 28), A/RES/66/264 (para 53).

*The ACABQ supports the efforts to mitigate the environmental impact of peacekeeping missions; A/66/718 (para 146), A/67/780 (para 159), A/68/782 (paras 120&121), A/70/742 (para 94), A/71/836 (paras 193, 194-196, 198-199).

*The Security Council requests some missions to manage the environmental impacts of its operation, e.g.: MINUSMA: S/RES/2100 (2013), OP32; S/RES/2164 (2014), OP19; S/RES/2227(2015), OP25; S/RES/2295(2016), OP39; S/RES/2364(2017), OP41. MONUSCO: S/RES/2348(2017), OP48. UNSOS: S/RES/2245(2015), OP6&7. UNAMID: S/RES/2113(2013), OP28. MINUSCA: S/RES/2387(2017), OP48

Under the general guidance of the mission Force Headquarters Military Environmental Adviser/Focal Point and the Mission Support Environmental Unit, the Sector/Region Military Environmental Adviser/Focal Point shall be responsible for the following duties:

1. Instruct to each military contingent at each camp to designate a focal point for environmental and waste management;
2. Regularly update the list of environment and waste focal points at camp level especially after contingent's rotation and share it with Mission FHQ Environmental adviser/focal point and the mission environmental unit;
3. Ensure that a handover of environmental concerns of the camp is done during rotation between the old and new focal points;
4. Review and approve the environmental inspection planning prepared by MSD/Environmental unit for the camps;
5. Coordinate with Joint Support Mission Center to support organization of environmental inspection and briefing in camps;
6. Periodically liaise with focal points on environmental issues;
7. Consult with the Environmental Unit on environmental issues on a regular basis, especially on follow-up of environmental inspections;
8. Follow the implementation of environmental recommendations for missions' sites (SHQ and contingent's camps);
9. Regularly report to mission FHQ Military Environmental Adviser on environmental actions implementation in regional level.

Qualifications:

Military Rank: t.b.d.

Languages: Fluency in written and spoken English is required; fluency in French is highly desirable, knowledge of other UN languages is desirable.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: DPKO/DFS Environmental Policy for UN field missions (2009.6)

Attachment 2: DKPO/DFS Waste Management Policy for UN field missions (2015.6)