UN Security Management System

Summary Conclusions

1. HLCM held a videoconference in New York, Geneva, Rome (x2) and Vienna on 23 January 2002. The list of participants is attached (annex 1). In accordance with the Committee’s decision in September 2001, the videoconference had been convened to consider arrangements for the management of the security system (see ACC/2001/12, para. 6).

Background

2. At the September 2001 HLCM session, a Task Force had been requested to review recommendations for a robust governance system for security management across the UN system. The Task Force had further been requested to include in its recommendations consultative mechanisms and structural relationships including the linkages with the local security arrangements, which would further enhance the security management system.

3. The Task Force (UN, WHO, UNICEF and UNHCR) had met to review proposals jointly submitted to HLCM by UNDP, WFP, UNICEF and UNHCR and had developed Terms of Reference for inter-agency governance of security management for the United Nations system as a whole. The Task Force also submitted a Progress Report on its work to the HLCM video conference session.

Considerations

4. HLCM members welcomed the proposals for security management as elaborated in the Progress Report and the Terms of Reference including the development of an Inter-Agency Security Management Network to support HLCM. It considered these proposals also in the context of the UN General Assembly’s request to the Secretary-General to submit, in 2002, “a comprehensive report on the establishment of a clear mechanism of accountability and responsibility (for security) including provisions such as its scope, depth, common standards and methods of their enforcement, in an inter-agency structure”.
Conclusions

5. After discussion, it was agreed that the Inter-Agency Security Management Network should also monitor the implementation of the budget for security management. This task was duly incorporated into paragraph 5 of the Terms of Reference. It was also agreed that the text of the Terms of Reference be clarified to reflect that the Inter-Agency Network would not only report but also make recommendations to HLCM.

6. With these amendments, the Progress Report was noted and the Terms of Reference were unanimously adopted as follows:

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. A comprehensive review of policies and resource-related issues pertaining to the entire United Nations security management system should be a standing item on the agenda of the High Level Committee on Management (HLCM). The United Nations Security Coordinator or his/her designated representative should participate in such discussions.

2. The High Level Committee on Management will be supported by the Inter-Agency Security Management Network, consisting of the senior managers, who have managerial oversight of the security function within their agency.

3. The Inter-Agency Security Management Network, which will be chaired by the United Nations Security Coordinator, will meet at least once a year to review all existing and proposed policies, procedures and practices of the United Nations security management system and report and make recommendations on these to HLCM.

4. Between annual meetings, the United Nations Security Coordinator may convene working groups meetings amongst interested organizations to discuss specific security issues. The reports of the working groups will be provided to the Inter-Agency Security Management network for review and endorsement.

5. The Inter-Agency Security Management Network will monitor the implementation of United Nations security management policies, practices and procedures by all actors of the United Nations system including the related programme budget. It will report and make recommendations thereon to the High Level Committee on Management.

6. The High Level Committee on Management will review the recommendations made by the Inter-agency security management network and either decide on them or recommend to ACC how they should be implemented.
# ANNEX 1

## List of Participants

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