Realizing Effective and Dynamic Cooperation for Peace Operations

Challenges Forum Seminar in New York

The Union League Club
38 East 37th Street
New York, 15 February 2013

Co-hosted by the Permanent Representatives of Argentina, Sweden and Switzerland to the United Nations

Thursday, 14 February 2013 (The Union League Club Library 6-8 pm)
Opening Reception

The Dynamic Global Context: Risks and Opportunities for Peace Operations

Keynote Speech
Mr Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Patron, International Forum for the Challenges of Peace Operations, former Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations

Friday, 15 February 2013 (The Union League Club Lincoln Hall)

0930-1015 Registration and Coffee
1015–1115 Opening and Introduction

Co-Chairs
H.E. Mr Mårten Grunditz, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations
H.E. Ms U. Joy Ogwu, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, Chair of the United Nations Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Reflections on the Future of Peace Operations
H.E. Mr Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations
Introduced by Mr Sven-Eric Söder, Director-General, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden

The International Forum for the Challenges of Peace Operations – Status and Issues
Ms Annika Hilding Norberg, Director, International Forum for the Challenges of Peace Operations

Key points generated at the Challenges Annual Forum 2012
Dr Thierry Tardy, Senior Fellow, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Switzerland
Introduced by Mr Thomas Gürber, Minister, Chargé d’Affairs a.i., Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations
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1115–1215  Evolving UN and Regional Partnerships in Africa: Issues from Somalia and Mali

*Chair*
Mr Masud Husain, Minister Counsellor, Chargé d’Affairs a.i., Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations

H.E. Ms Ameerah Haq, Under-Secretary-General for Field Support, United Nations
H.E. Mr Basile Gateretse, Head of Political Unit, AMISOM
Major General Shehu Abdulkadir, Force Commander, AFISMA (by video link)

Discussion

1215-1300  Luncheon Reception

1300-1400  Enhancing Effective Peace Operations: How Do We Make Better Use of Modern Technology?

*Chair*
H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra’ad Zeid Al-Hussein, Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations

H.E. Mr Hervé Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations

Dr Walter Dorn, Royal Military College of Canada, Chair, Department of Security and International Affairs, Canadian Forces College

Discussion

1400-1430  Concluding Session

*Chair*  H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra’ad Zeid Al-Hussein, Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations

*Invitation to the Challenges Annual Forum 2013*
H.E. Ms Maria Perceval, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations

*The Way Ahead*
H.E. Mr Hervé Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations

*Closing Remarks*
Mr Henrik Stiernblad, Deputy Director, International Forum for the Challenges of Peace Operations; former Police Commissioner, United Nations Mission in Liberia