



The United Nations Liaison Office for Peace and Security - UNLOPS

What is UNLOPS?

The **United Nations Liaison Office for Peace and Security (UNLOPS)** is a dedicated office based in **Brussels** since 2011 for developing closer, more predictable and continuous partnerships between the UN and the European Union (EU), the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and other Brussels-based organizations on peace and security matters. UNLOPS contributes to stronger institutional dialogue and improved coordination on peace and security policy and operations.



The United Nations Headquarters in New York

UNLOPS formally represents the three departments of the United Nations Secretariat in New York charged with overseeing international peace and security: the **Departments of Peacekeeping Operations, Political Affairs and Field Support**.

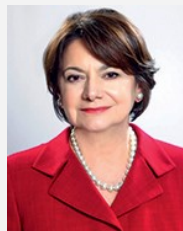
The **Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO)** helps countries torn by conflict create the conditions for lasting peace.



Under-Secretary-General (USG) *Jean-Pierre LACROIX* is the head of DPKO.

The Department provides direction to UN peacekeeping operations around the world and maintains contact with the Security Council, troop and financial contributors, and parties to the conflict in the implementation of Security Council mandates.

The **Department of Political Affairs (DPA)** plays a central role in the United Nations' efforts to prevent and resolve deadly conflict around the world.



Under-Secretary-General (USG) *Rosemary A. DiCARLO* is the head of DPA.

The Department provides close support to the Secretary-General and his envoys, as well as to UN political missions deployed to areas of tension around the world with mandates to help defuse crises or promote lasting solutions to conflict.

The **Department of Field Support (DFS)** provides dedicated support to peacekeeping and political field missions.



Under-Secretary-General (USG) *Atul KHARE* is the head of DFS.

The Department provides support in the areas of finance, logistics, information, communication and technology, human resources and general administration to help UN missions promote peace and security. DFS also includes the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi, Italy.

What does UNLOPS do?

Activities

- Facilitation of high level UN visits from New York and the field to Brussels
- Support for UN-EU and UN-NATO real time policy information exchange
- Backstopping formal EU and NATO institutional dialogue mechanisms on peace and security
- Facilitation and support for enhanced partnership on thematic issues and in geographic settings
- Outreach & representational duties

Our Brussels-based peace and security partners

- EU Member States representatives based in Brussels, notably PSC Ambassadors
- The European External Action Service (EEAS)
- The European Commission
- The European Parliament
- European-based NGOs
- External peacekeeping experts in academia and think tanks
- NATO
- The African Union (AU) office and other regional partners based in Brussels