

Improving Peacekeeping Performance: A Year Since UNSCR 2436

**A High-Level Event during the United States Security Council Presidency
Co-Hosted by India, Portugal, Senegal, Uruguay, United States of America and
Vietnam**

**ECOSOC Chamber
December 6, 2019, 10:00am-1:00pm**

Objective: Discuss concrete actions by Member States and the United Nations to improve peacekeeping performance and fully implement Security Council Resolution 2436 (2018).

Purpose: Unanimously adopted in September 2018, UNSCR 2436 calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure that peacekeeping missions improve mission performance and address performance challenges including deploying the most capable and willing units to peacekeeping, implementing a performance policy framework, and reporting on performance. The event will allow Member States and the Secretariat to review UNSCR 2436 implementation, identify remaining gaps and propose next steps. The event will also highlight examples of best practice in peacekeeping performance from the field.

Background: When peacekeeping missions operate at a high level of performance, they provide the necessary space and support for a political process, are better able to keep civilians and peacekeepers safe, and effectively implement their mandated objectives. The need to improve UN peacekeeping performance is articulated in the Secretary-General's Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) initiative. Although there has been progress, more is needed to fully implement UNSCR 2436.

Prioritized areas for action include:

- Effective utilization of the Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System especially at the rapid deployment level;
- Development of robust metrics for the performance of mission civilian components; and,
- Development of an accountability framework for performance shortfalls

Formal reporting to Member States on mission performance remains ad hoc. Further fostering a culture of accountability and increased transparency will help peacekeeping missions achieve their mandates, better protect civilians and peacekeepers, and ensure the efficient use of resources.

Improving performance and accountability require sustained efforts by the Secretariat and all Member States. This event provides an opportunity for dialogue among key stakeholders on how to advance peacekeeping performance and address the remaining gaps from UNSCR 2436.

Format of the meeting:

U.S. Ambassador Kelly Craft and UN Secretary-General António Guterres will provide opening remarks. The meeting will consist of four thematic discussions. Co-hosts will introduce each discussion, followed by a period for additional Member State interventions.

Thematic Discussion Questions

The four thematic discussions are based on the questions below:

1. What actions can the Secretariat, Member States, peacekeeping missions and host governments take to protect civilians more effectively, and, within missions, combat sexual exploitation and abuse?
2. How can the Secretariat and Member States improve performance evaluation, ensure uniformed and civilian personnel are held accountable for high-levels of performance?
3. What actions can the Secretariat and Member States take to improve partnerships between troop-and police-contributing countries and countries providing training and capacity building support?
4. Going forward, how can the Secretariat, Member States, and peacekeeping missions address gaps implementation of UNSCR 2436?

The speaking time for Member States is strictly limited to three minutes to allow maximum participation. Delegations should indicate their intention to make remarks by sending an email to PKPerformance@state.gov by Wednesday November 27th specifying: 1) the level of representation; 2) the thematic discussion question to be addressed.

The meeting is open for all UN Member States and Permanent Observers, ECOSOC accredited non-governmental organizations, and the press. This high-level event will be live-streamed on UN Web TV.