SEMINAR
UN-EU/REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

May 23rd | 3.00-6.00 PM | Trusteeship Chamber

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15.00 - 15.45 Official opening
Teodor Meleşcanu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania
João Vale de Almeida, Head of the European Union Delegation to the UN
Fatima Kyari Mohammed, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the UN
Alexandre Zouev, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions
Dirk Dubois, Head of the European Security and Defence College
Moderator: Ion Jinga, Permanent Representative of Romania to the UN

15:45 - 16.45 Workshop I: Interactive dialogue on the theme: Complementarities of action in the field in different types of missions – coordination and leadership
Shaowen Yang, UN Deputy Police Adviser
Anne Gueguen, Deputy Permanent Representative of France to the UN
Juergen Schulz, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the UN
Narjess Saidane, Permanent Observer of the OIF to the UN
Bogdan Ştir, Police Adviser – Permanent Mission of Romania to the UN
Moderator: Ştefan Tinca, Political Director - MFA Romania

16.45 – 17:45 Workshop II: Interactive Dialogue on Protection of Civilians in Conflict - Early Warning and Prevention, and Increased Role of Women and Youth in Peace and Security
Tijjani Muhammad Bande, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the UN
Geraldine Byrne-Nason, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN
Joanna Wronecka, Permanent Representative of Poland to the UN
Satyendra Prasad, Permanent Representative of Fiji to the UN
Moderator: Ion Jinga, Permanent Representative of Romania to the UN

17. 45 – 18.00 Presentation of the conclusions
18.15 – 20.00 Reception at the premises of the Permanent Mission of Romania to the UN
(573 3rd Avenue/on the corner with 38 Street)
**Objectives of the seminar**

To identify concrete ways to increase the effectiveness of the interaction between UN and the EU/other regional organizations in the field of peacekeeping operations through better coordination, allocation of resources and complementarity of mandates.

To identify areas where EU contribution can bring higher value added to UN missions, focusing on early warning and crisis management throughout their cycle, stabilizing and consolidating peace, defining concrete steps to develop military and civilian capabilities through action plans and innovative partnerships.

Focusing the reflection process through the perspective of identifying synergies between UN PO and CSDP developments, including capabilities development, and the reform processes.

**Rationale and basics**

Regional organizations play an increasingly important role in dealing with situations that threaten collective security. Creating the right complementarity and subsidiarity between the United Nations and regional action would significantly consolidate both, and generate a considerable pool of resources that help the international community promptly address every tension, threat and conflict.

In October 2005, the UN Security Council adopted the Resolution 1631, “Cooperation between the UN and regional organizations in the field of international peace and security” as result of an initiative of Romania. Concrete steps have been taken to set up field missions of international organizations as the European Union and the African Union that, in some cases, operate in countries where there are also UN peacekeeping.

In 2017, Secretary General, António Guterres, relaunched the UN peacekeeping operations reform process (Res 2378/2017), as this area has experienced unprecedented growth in recent years with record levels of field staff and peacekeeping budgets. The UNSG’s coordinated reform process aims at organizing credible peace missions with adequate means capable of fulfilling its mandate efficiently and successfully.

Co-operation between UN field missions and those of the EU / other regional organizations can lead to synergies, complementarity, and ultimately help achieve the goals of UN reform in this area. In this respect, it is necessary to identify the shortcomings, parallels or cleavages in the joint action of the UN peacekeeping system and regional mechanisms and to address them in a holistic manner by providing common structured action guidelines for making peacekeeping operations more efficient.
The UN reform process and the objectives envisaged in this context are convergent with the new approach taken by the European Union through the Global Strategy. From this perspective, the development of partnership formulas between the two organizations as well as the EU's concrete contribution to UN support, in particular through the Common Security and Defense Policy, come to meet the needs of the integrated approach.

It is important to remain flexible, open and creative when expanding on the potential offered by cooperation with regional organizations. Therefore, such cooperation should not be aimed at identifying universal patterns but rather at ascertaining which regional actors could be relied on in a given situation.

Since 2003, the European Union (EU) and UN have strengthened their strategic partnership in peacekeeping and crisis management. More than a decade later, the EU and UN are cooperating systematically at strategic and operational levels, with consultation and coordination mechanisms now established. While challenges remain with regard to joint strategic planning, division of labor, joint reviews and coordination of exit strategies, the new set of priorities for UN-EU Strategic Partnership on peace operation and crisis management (2019-2021) and the developments in the two organizations offer new prospects for strengthened cooperation.

Amongst others. However, there are possible new prospects for strengthened cooperation between the EU and UN, as both are reviewing their strategic visions.

An inter-institutional framework for cooperation between the UN and regional organizations in the field of peace and security has gradually developed, an UN-EU Steering Committee on Crisis Management has been established. The UN–UE Steering Committee also afforded an opportunity to regularly reflect on ongoing cooperation and set out the strategic direction for the UN-EU partnership.

At the level of the EU, the theme has become a priority given that the EU is considered to be one of the "main UN partners in international peace and security". This assessment also gained international confirmation in 2012, when the EU was named the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, as recognition of its contribution to the preservation of international peace and security. The EU and the UN have agreed on a number of documents relevant for their partnership: Joint Declaration on UN-EU Co-operation in Crisis Management (2003); Joint Statement on UN-EU Co-operation in Crisis Management (2007); Strengthening the UN-EU Strategic Partnership on Peacekeeping and Crisis Management (2015); and Reinforcing the UN –EU Strategic Partnership on Peace Operations and Crisis Management Priorities 2019-2021 (2018).

The Permanent Mission of Romania to the UN will circulate a summary of the discussions.