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Subject: **Assignment no. AP2011/620/13 – Audit of the HIV/AIDS Programme in MONUSCO**

With reference to the above-mentioned draft report dated 28 March 2012, please find attached the mission's response in the attached form (Annex 1).

Kind regards.

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AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Audit of HIV/AIDS Programme in MONUSCO

Rec. No.	Recommendation	Critical/ Important	Accepted Yes/No	Title of responsible individual	Implementation date	Client Comments
1	MONUSCO should ensure that there are adequate Voluntary Confidential Counseling and Testing facilities and kits at all locations, and these are readily available to mission personnel	Critical	Yes	Chief HIV/AIDS Officer	June 2012	**Under Implementation** MONUSCO has scaled up its VCCT services in the Mission by increasing training of Counselors for Mission wide coverage. As of today there are now 20 active VCCT centers. (See attachment 1). The Mission now has sufficient test kits after taking advantage of UNHQ system contracts.MOU between DPKO and UNFPA allows faster procurement than the slower bidding processes used before.
2	MONUSCO should provide adequate and current post exposure prophylaxis kits and stocks of condoms for distribution as required.	Critical	Yes	Chief HIV/AIDS Officer and Chief Medical Officer	June 2012	**Under implementation** The Mission currently has 31 PEP custodians fully equipped with PEP kits. (See attachment 2). Further training in May is being organized by the HIV/AIDS and Medical Sections to increase the numbers. However The Mission would like to point out that according to Medical rules PEP kits should be dispensed by trained medical personnel. To meet this requirement the PEP kits are located within clinics and all staff have access within the stipulated 72 hour period

						Additional PEP kits and Condoms will also be made available following a recent agreement with UNICEF and UNFPA.
3	MONUSCO, in order to increase the capacity of the HIV/AIDS Unit to deliver its mandate, should improve coordination of its work planning with substantive Sections to ensure HIV/AIDS prevention activities are effectively mainstreamed into its programmes. These plans should be regularly monitored and reported on to ensure more effective utilization of resources	Important	Yes	ODSRSG	December 2012	**Under implementation** The Mission is reviewing the staffing resources available to the HIV/AIDS Unit and their location with in order to increase MONUSCO capacity and effectiveness to deliver on its HIV/AIDS mandate. The review will consider greater involvement of substantive sections to integrated HIV/AIDS activities into their programmes. Work Plans will be regularly monitored and reported on to ensure better coordination of the HIV/AIDS prevention activities are effectively mainstreamed into the Mission programmes for more effective utilization of resources.