



## MONUSCO

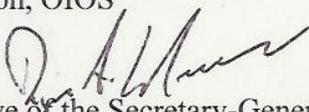
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### INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Date: 21 August 2012  
Ref : DSRSG/ROL/MEM/02/2012

**To:** Ms. Eleanor T. Burns, Chief  
Peacekeeping Audit Service  
Internal Audit Division, OIOS

**From:** Roger Meece   
Special Representative of the Secretary-General

**Subject:** Assignment n° AP2011/620/11 – Audit of human rights programme in MONUSCO

1. We acknowledge receipt of the draft report on the Audit of human rights programme in MONUSCO.
2. We particularly note that the effective implementation of the human rights programme in MONUSCO was partially satisfactory and that the issues identified in the report have started being addressed by the Mission's management.
3. As requested, please find herewith, MONUSCO/JHRO action plan for the implementation of recommendations 1 to 3 of your report. We accept all the recommendations and deem them important.

**Cc:** Mr. Abdallah Wafy, Acting Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General  
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Mr. Scott Campbell, Director Human Rights Office, MONUSCO  
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**AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Audit of human rights programme in MONUSCO**

No.	Recommendation	Critical <sup>1</sup> / Important <sup>2</sup>	Accepted? (Yes/No)	Title of responsible individual	Implementation date	Client comments
1	MONUSCO, in consultation with the United Nations Country Team and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, should develop and include a transitional strategy under the United Nations Transitional Framework to ensure continuity of human rights activities in case of a scaling down or drawdown	Important	Yes	1) Director of Human Rights; 2) Coordinator of Planning, Strategy and Project Support Unit, UNJHRO	Draft by 31 January 2013; Final strategy by 30 April 2013	OHCHR has residual responsibility for human rights when a peacekeeping mission is no longer present in the country. Consultations will have to be undertaken in the coming months
2	MONUSCO should ensure that there are adequate resources, as well as improved planning and prioritization of these resources, to enable the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office to take part in all Joint Protection Team missions.	Important	Yes	1) Office of the SRS; 2) DSRSG Rule of Law; 3) Director of Human Rights	31 December 2012	UNJHRO currently supports 8 OHCHR seconded JPT Human Rights staff through voluntary funds raised by the UNJHRO and OHCHR. These staff contracts will end on 30 September 2012. The High Commissioner for Human Rights has written letters to various donors underscoring the importance of providing funds for dedicated JPT Human Rights Officers,

<sup>1</sup> Critical recommendations address significant and/or pervasive deficiencies or weaknesses in governance, risk management or internal control processes, such that reasonable assurance cannot be provided regarding the achievement of control and/or business objectives under review.

<sup>2</sup> Important recommendations address important deficiencies or weaknesses in governance, risk management or internal control processes, such that reasonable assurance may be at risk regarding the achievement of control and/or business objectives under review.

					<p>however, no pledges have been received for 2012-2013. A funding gap remains for this period. MONUSCO is looking into prioritization of existing resources to address this recommendation.</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>MONUSCO should, in line with Secretary-General's Bulletin ST/SG/2003/13, ensure that all non-governmental organizations that have entered into cooperative arrangements with the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office have been informed of the United Nations Code of Conduct and have confirmed in writing that they accept these standards</p>	<p>Important</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Coordinator of Planning Strategy and Project Support Unit, UNJHRO</p>	<p>30 September 2012</p>	<p>Where the UNJHRO actually contracts an external actor (NGO, legal clinic) to provide services we will append the relevant declaration to these agreements, as required by ST/SG/13.</p>