Department of Public Information (DPI)

What is the name of your organization

DPI

Does your organization have any field presence?

Yes

Please give the names of the units of your entity that contribute to the implementation of the Action Plan. (Max 300 words)

Differents units within DPI are involved in activities to promote the resolution. Amongst others they include: - Development Section, - Peace and Security Section, - Public Relations Section, - Radio Service, - Africa Section, - Civil Society Service and - Press Service.

Please provide name, e-mail and phone number of a designated contact person for follow-up questions. [Name:]

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Area of Action A. Conflict prevention and early warning

Progress and results At Headquarters

NA

Progress and results In the Field

NA

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

NA

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

NA

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

NA

Gaps and challenges In the Field

NA

Please describe any activities not included in the Action Plan

NA

Area of Action B. Peacemaking and peacebuilding

Progress and results At Headquarters

NA

Progress and results In the Field

NA

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

NA

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

NA

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

NA

Gaps and challenges In the Field

NA

Please describe any activities not included in the Action Plan

NA

Area of Action C. Peacekeeping operations

Progress and results At Headquarters

C5. - 50 Member States participated in a two-day DPKO organized meeting in March 2006, aimed at exploring ways to increase the number of women military and police personnel deployed to United Nations peacekeeping missions. A press conference with the Gender Adviser for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Comfort Lamptey was organized by DPI during the meeting to highlight gender issues. DPI facilitated one-on-one interviews with Ms. Lamptey during the event as well. - Women peacekeepers and the contribution to gender issues by peacekeeping missions was stressed during the observance of the International Day of UN Peacekeepers, 29 May 2006, (observed at headquarters on 31st May). The press release produced by DPI highlighted gender aspects as well and the need for more women peacekeepers. A BBC interview with a Jamaican woman peacekeeper was also arranged. - DPI develops gender sensitive public information materials on UN peace operations including timely updates of DPI booklet "Frequently asked questions on Peacekeeping". Recent update of the booklet includes chapters on gender and sexual abuse issues. Its available at: (http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/dpko/pub/qa_english.pdf) - The DPI publication "UN Peace Operations- Year in Review 2005" an annual magazine, has a chapter on gender and is available online in all UN languages at(http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/dpko/pub/year_review05/) - In an effort to

promote the role of women in peacekeeping, women peacekeepers are emphasized in the selection of photos on the UN peacekeeping website and in the special exhibit "Surge in UN Peacekeeping" which was displayed in the UN lobby. The exhibition then travelled to Brussels and several other locations, most recently in the UN mission in Burundi. - Media outreach and coverage of annual debate of the Security Council on women, peace and security. - DPI consistently undertakes media outreach at UN headquarters around the time of the consideration of Resolution 1325 by the Security Council in October each year. It aims to cover these deliberations in its regular news products and outlets, in order to raise awareness of the issues being discussed and highlight relevant developments and reports. The outreach is supported in the field by DPI's network of UN Information Centres through the dissemination of materials to their local media networks. This was also undertaken in October 2005. - In October 2005 DPI produced an attractive and informative factsheet on women, peace and security, with "At a glance" statistics and figures on elements of the resolution. The plan is to keep this awareness raising tool updated and relevant for outreach to Member States, media and the general public. - DPI at headquarters keeps UNICs updated regarding developments and reports regarding resolution 1325 and the annual debate in order to facilitate regional coverage. - Facilitate radio interviews and programmes during the October. Two radio programmes were produced on 28 October, 2005. One focussed on voices from the field with an indepth interview with a Burmese woman activist and another story focussed on the Security Council debate. Stories are available at (http://radio.un.org/search_d.asp?NewsDate=10/28/2005). These programmes are heard globally through the internet. - DPI publications like "Africa Renewal" and "UN Chronicle" will continue to promote an informed understanding of peace and security issues affecting women. - DPI/ NGO Section facilitates briefings on Resolution 1325 during the period of the October debate for New York based NGOs. A briefing "Women, Peace and Security: Participation, Protection and Prevention" was organized on 10 November 2005 to coincide with the October debate.

Progress and results In the Field

C.4 - Zero tolerance policy on sexual abuse and a strong gender component is part of all assessment missions undertaken by DPI as part of strategic guidance to public information officers of peacekeeping missions. - Gender aspects are central to ALL DPI meetings and training programmes of public information officers of peacekeeping mission on rapid public information response for peacekeeping. Recently held courses include one in New York and another in Brindisi. C.5 - DPI publication " Frequently asked questions on Peacekeeping"-- recent edition of the booklet has chapters on gender and sexual abuse issues (http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/dpko/pub/qa_english.pdf). It has been distributed to peacekeeping missions). - The publication "UN Peace Operations- Year in Review 2005" an annual magazine has a chapter on gender and is available online in all UN languages. It has been distributed to peacekeeping missions. (http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/dpko/pub/year_review05/)   - The special exhibit "Surge in UN Peacekeeping" has images of women peacekeepers. The exhibit was displayed in the UN lobby. The exhibition then travelled to Brussels and several other locations, most recently in the UN mission in Burundi. - DPI consistently undertakes

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Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

- Advance planning is critical for the October Security Council debate including identification of key spokespeople from UN and civil society who will participate in interviews, speak to the press, atted press conferences, etc. - Formulation of clear, unified messages which reflect ground realities and which have a freshness is also critical.

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

Gaps and challenges In the Field

Please describe any activities not included in the Action Plan

Area of Action D. Humanitarian response

Progress and results At Headquarters

NA

Progress and results In the Field

NA

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

NA

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

NA

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

NA

Gaps and challenges In the Field

NA

Please describe any activities not included in the Action Plan

NA

Area of Action E. Post-conflict Reconstruction and Rehabilitation

Progress and results At Headquarters

NA

Progress and results In the Field

NA

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

NA

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

NA

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

NA

Gaps and challenges In the Field

NA

Please describe any activities not included in the Action Plan

NA

Area of Action F. Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration

Progress and results At Headquarters

NA

Progress and results In the Field

NA

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

NA

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

NA

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

NA

Gaps and challenges In the Field

NA

Please describe any activities not included in the Action Plan

NA

Area of Action G. Preventing and Responding to Gender-based Violence in Armed Conflict

Progress and results At Headquarters

NA

Progress and results In the Field

NA

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

NA

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

NA

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

NA

Gaps and challenges In the Field

NA

Please describe any activities not included in the Action Plan

NA

Area of Action H. Preventing and Responding to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by United Nations Staff, Related Personnel and Partners

Progress and results At Headquarters

NA

Progress and results In the Field

NA

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

NA

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

NA

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

NA

Gaps and challenges In the Field

NA

Please describe any activities not included in the Action Plan

NA

Coherence and Coordination

Policy Guidance: Do you have any internal policy documents providing guidance on implementation of SCR 1325?

Don't know

If yes, please describe:

If not, please explain:

DPI works on promoting the resolution taking guidance from Office of the Speacial Adviser on Gender Issues (OSAGI) on central themese and messages prior to communications campaigns for milestone events.

Programme Coordination: Is implementation of SCR 1325 reflected in substantive policy/project/funding design and management?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

SCR 1325 is on the list of events that DPI allocates resources and staff for promotion.

If not, please explain:

Common-System Partners: Does your entity at Headquarters collaborate and coordinate with different UN entities?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

DPI works on different issues that are part of the UN Secretariat's agenda. This is often in collaboration and/or complementary with the efforts of UN Funds and agencies and often in partnership with them. At the field level, the United Nations Information Centres (UNICs) are part of DPI. The department often coordinates information with UNDP offices, in the absence of UNICs in that region.

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

Common-System Partners: Does your entity in the field collaborate and coordinate with different UN entities?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

United Nations Information Centres (UNICs) often work closely with local UNDP offices and/or communications teams of the funds and agencies.

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

Collaboration and coordination with national and regional partners: Does your entity collaborate and coordinate with national and regional partners, including government actors and civil society?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

DPI works with civil society partners through the DPI/ NGO Section. Additionally promotion of certain issues may include civil society hearings, press conferences with NGOs subject to guidance from substantive offices.

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

Coordination and advance planning (especially with civil-society partners and NGOs who come to NY, often just the day of or before the event due to financial or other constraints), has been a challenge sometimes.

System-wide Coherence and Coordination: Do you feel your work is part of a coordinated and coherent strategy for the UN system to implement SCR 1325?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

DPI's promotion of the resolution is in coordination and consultation with the substantive office, in this case Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues.

If not, please explain:

Accountability of managers and staff

Does your entity have mechanisms in place to ensure accountability for implementation of SCR 1325 among staff, in particular for senior managers?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

DPI's promotion of SCR 1325--especially post-sustained communications efforts-- is evaluated by substantive office in order to provide feedback and improve communications efforts for future years. DPI has found the feedback very useful.

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

Results-Based Management (RBM)

RBM Framework: Have provisions of SCR 1325 been integrated within Results-based Management Frameworks?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

Results of media efforts to promote SCR 1325 are evaluated consistently within the Department and by the clients (substantive office).

If not, please explain:

Indicators: Have indicators to measure progress in implementing commitments under the action plan been established?

Don't know

If yes, please describe what indicators:

NA

Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

Monitoring: Has any monitoring mechanism for implementation of SCR 1325 been established within your entity at Headquarters?

Don't know

If yes, please describe:

NA

If not, please explain:

Monitoring: Has any monitoring mechanism for implementation of SCR 1325 been established within your entity in the field?

Not applicable

If yes, please describe:

NA

If not, please explain:

Sex and age disaggregated data: Is sex and age disaggregated data collected on a routine basis?

Don't know

If yes, please describe:

NA

If not, please explain:

Reporting: Is information on gender issues and implementation of SCR1325 routinely included in official reporting?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

Reporting within the department as well to susbstantive office is done on a regular basis.

If not, please explain:

Capacity-Building

Training: Have any specific training programmes/modules/courses on SCR 1325 been developed as a special course/regular staff training/management/leadership or technical training?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

DPI undertakes training of field public information officers in peacekeeping missions. Gender aspects and zero tolerance policy to sexual abuse is a large component of ALL trainings and meetings facilitated by DPI. These trainings continue to be undertaken every year.

If not, please explain:

What categories of staff are being trained? [Senior Management]

Yes

What categories of staff are being trained? [Professional Staff]

Yes

What categories of staff are being trained? [Technical Staff]

No

What categories of staff are being trained? [Uniformed personnel]

No

What categories of staff are being trained? [Support staff]

No

What categories of staff are being trained? [Other]

Civilian and public information officers

Tools and guidelines for implementation of SCR1325 Have specific tools, such as guidelines, checklists and/or instructions been developed to assist staff in implementing SCR 1325?

Don't know

What categories of staff? [Senior Management]

No

What categories of staff? [Professional Staff]

No

What categories of staff? [Technical Staff]

No

What categories of staff? [Uniformed personnel]

No

What categories of staff? [Support staff]

No

What categories of staff? [Other]

How are these tools used by staff at Headquarters? Describe briefly:

NA

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

NA

How are these tools used by staff in the field? Describe briefly:

NA

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

NA

Knowledge-management: Is there a system in place within your entity to collect and disseminate data and information on the implementation of SC1325, including good practice examples and lessons learned?

Yes

If yes, please describe how information technology is used in that process.

Factsheets, press releases, other information sheets and promotional materials are circulated electronically to UNICs, different parts of DPI, media and civil society. They are also available online for people interested in UN issues and the general public.

If yes, please describe how such data and information are used to improve the work of your entity on the implementation of SCR 1325.

NA

Resource Allocation

Financial Resources: Have adequate financial resources been allocated towards your entity's implementation of commitments under the action plan?

Don't know

If yes, please describe [differentiate between RB and XB]:

NA

If not, please explain:

Human resources: Has a gender unit/focal point/or focal points for follow-up been designated for Headquarters?

Yes

Human resources: Has a gender unit/focal point/or focal points for follow-up been designated for the field?

Not applicable

If yes, please describe and specify level/s of staff:

Professional level staff (P-2) who is the Focal Point of Gender Issues in DPI's Development Section has been designated the focal point for follow-up.

If not, please explain:

How many other staff members are directly involved in implementation? Please indicate professional level.

NA

Gender Balance: Have any specific initiatives been taken at Headquarters to achieve gender balance at all levels and all categories of staff?

Don't know

If yes, please describe:

DPI is one of the leading departments in the UN system with numbers reflective of a good gender balance at all levels.

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

Gender Balance: Have any specific initiatives been taken in the field to achieve gender balance at all levels and all categories of staff?

Don't know

If yes, please describe:

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

What suggestions do you have for improving implementation of the system-wide action plan during 2006-2007?   You may choose to provide information in the following categories, or other information according to your priorities. Please be brief.

Coherence and Coordination, including interagency coordination

For high-level events like the October Security Council debate, a cordinated inter-agency effort on communication efforts (including advance-planning, identification of spokespeople, human interest stories, etc)can provide higher visibility both internationally as well in countries where the implementation of the resolution is a challenge.

Accountability

Results-based Management

Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

Capacity-Building

A core group of UN spokespeople on Resolution 1325 can be very useful-- to enable interviews, op-ed articles and even background briefings to reporters year around. This core group should ideally be reflective of UN experts on the issue, gender advisers, field officer, and male officers as well, and can be an inter-agency effort.

Human and Financial Resource Allocation

Gender Balance

Other:

If your entity could do only two things to improve its own implementation of the Action Plan, what do you think would be most useful?

- In coordination with OSAGI, focus on behind the headlines, human interest stories which are linked to the resolution at the ground level. -In coordination with the substantive office and finacial support, more radio programming can be produced especially focussing on specific countries.

Are any there any other comments you would like to make?

Do you have any suggestions for improving this questionnaire for use in subsequent years?

Much of the questionnaire does not apply to DPI's work. A shorter questionnaire format keeping the work done by supporting departments vis-a-vis the implementing departments may be useful in the future.