

Dear Dr Dermody,

The Committee asked us for additional information regarding interaction between the DPKO and OCHA and whether NGOs had been part of discussions around mandate for these organisations. We asked our staff in our New York office who replied:

Several months ago (March, April, May), as the discussions on a possible hybrid peacekeeping operation in Darfur were picking up here in NY, my colleagues from Oxfam, the IRC, and myself did quite a bit of advocacy with OCHA, DPKO, some SC members (e.g. SA, Indonesia who chair the SC WG on peacekeeping, etc.), and other significant missions with involvement in UN peacekeeping (e.g. Canada, etc.) around the necessity for separate coordination of operations in integrated UN missions between the military (DPKO) and the humanitarian (OCHA) components, (1) in order to avoid conscious or inadvertent blurring of lines, (2) preserve the basic humanitarian principles (3) and the humanitarian space, (4) as well as to prevent the perception of politicized humanitarian action resulting in potential security incidents/attacks on humanitarian staff/operations as a result of a perception of meshing of humanitarian with the military. The rationales, as you know, are therefore both philosophical and operational/pragmatic.

Further World Vision was asked by the Committee to provide information on the Red R training programme, this is below. We also attach the draft "Emergency and Accountability Framework" being developed by ACFID's Humanitarian Reference Group made up of the following agencies World Vision, Caritas, Oxfam, CARE, Red Cross, Austcare, Habitat, Plan, Red R as requested by the Committee.

Red R documents below. All are available on the Red R website. Included here is:

1. Training course overview
2. Current training calendar and course fee structure
3. Overview of training partners
4. An overview of each of the following courses
 - Essentials of Humanitarian Practice
 - Personal Security & Communications
 - Needs Assessment
 - Protection in Humanitarian Work
 - Core Technical Sectors of Humanitarian Practice
 - Humanitarian Logistics
 - Water Environment and Sanitation in Emergencies
 - Managing Security and Safety in the Field

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information, we wish the Committee well in their deliberations

regards

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