



UPDATE THE LANGUAGE IN THE MODEL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Sub-Working Group on self-sustainment

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The aims and purpose of the proposal is to amend the language on environmental compliance and waste management of Article 7 septies in Chapters 9 and 10 to:

- a) Update the reference to the Environmental Policy for Peacekeeping Operations and Field-Based Special Political Missions (which has superseded the Environmental Policy for United Nations Field Missions and the Waste Management Policy for United Nations Field Missions referred to in the COE Manual)
- b) Strengthen the language with regards to the prevention of the discharge of untreated wastewater to minimize risk to peacekeepers and the host community, in line with the “do no harm” principle and with the Environmental Policy for Peacekeeping Operations and Field-Based Special Political Missions
- c) Add a reference to mission-specific guidelines, standard operating procedures and directives in the list of relevant United Nations Environmental Policies

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PROPOSED TEXT FOR 2023 COE MANUAL

[Include the exact placement and text of the proposal (as a modification of the current text of the COE Manual)]

Chapter 9

Article 7 septies

Environmental compliance and waste management

7.28 Troop-contributing countries will ensure that all members of the national contingent conduct themselves in an environmentally conscious manner. They shall observe established United Nations rules and regulations applicable to the functioning of peacekeeping operations, endeavouring to achieve full compliance with the United Nations environmental and waste management policies and procedures for field missions, as set in annex K to the present memorandum of understanding.

7.28 bis National contingents will appoint, where requested by the Force Commander, officials to serve as environmental focal points. National contingents undertake that they will “do no harm” to the local environment (including wild plants and animals) and, upon departure, will leave the premises and physical environment in the condition in which it was provided to them. The only exceptions to this requirement to remediate will be in exceptional cases of operational imperative where the Mission has been informed. They will observe a policy of no littering around the bases or on patrols, **and a policy of no discharge of untreated wastewater outside the permanent bases. The untreated wastewater should be discharged only inside permanent bases or in the United Nations designated wastewater discharge areas.** They will **take reduce their environmental footprint by taking** concrete steps to conserve water, **energy and other natural resources** ~~and energy~~, reduce and segregate waste, and properly manage hazardous waste and wastewater-for which they are responsible. Where possible, the use of renewable energy will be prioritized.

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7.29 The United Nations will provide assistance to national contingents to enable them to comply with United Nations environmental and waste management policies and procedures. Such assistance shall include providing national contingents with the agreed infrastructure and services that enable them to operate in an environmentally conscious manner. The United Nations will provide mission-specific briefings, induction and continuing training on field mission policies and procedures regarding environmental and waste management, comprising practical actions that can be taken by uniformed personnel to ensure a responsible presence in accordance with the relevant United Nations environmental policies, such as the Environmental Policy *for Peacekeeping Operations and Field-based Special Political Missions* ~~for United Nations Field Missions and the Waste Management Policy for United Nations Field Missions~~, and mission-specific guidelines, standard operating procedures and directives.

Chapter 10

Article 7 septies

Environmental compliance and waste management

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