

## CHAPTER II

# United Nations Security Management System (UNSMS)



OCHA



**UNHCR**  
The UN Refugee Agency

WFP



UNDSS



United Nations  
Peacekeeping

## Section B

### EXECUTIVE GROUP ON SECURITY

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## **THE EXECUTIVE GROUP ON SECURITY**

### **A. Background**

1. The Executive Group on Security (EGS) was established by the Chief Executive Board to facilitate the rapid decision-making capacity of the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security when there is an impasse or exigencies when life and limb are at stake which impacts the ability of the Designated Official (DO) or Security Management Team (SMT) to rapidly address developing or critical events which require a timely security decision.
2. The EGS may be called upon to serve the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security to advise and assist the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security, in rapidly resolving an impasse regarding the security of United Nations personnel and premises when there is no consensus within the SMT on the immediate course of action necessary at the duty station.
3. The EGS shall not meet or act as an appellate body.

### **B. Composition and Working Modalities**

4. In addition to the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security, the EGS shall be comprised of Executive Heads of organizations of the United Nations Security Management System (UNSMS) as follows:
  - (a) World Food Programme (WFP)/The Chair of the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM)
  - (b) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
  - (c) Department of Peace Operations (DPO)/Department of Operational Support (DOS)
  - (d) Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
  - (e) United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF)
  - (f) Up to two Executive Heads of United Nations organizations, ideally comprised of those with the largest operational footprint(s) and Offices away from Headquarters in the affected country.
5. Secretariat support to the EGS should be provided by Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security.

### **C. Accountability of the Executive Group on Security**

6. The purpose of the establishment of the EGS is to reinforce the decision-making authority and accountability of the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security as reflected in the Framework of Accountability (Section A).

7. The advisory role of the EGS should also be reflected in the Framework of Accountability. Within the context of the Terms of Reference of the EGS, members of the Group have an individual and collective responsibility to support the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security in the discharge of his/her mandate related to the safety and security of all personnel employed by the organizations of the United Nations system and their recognized dependants.