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UN Global Focal Point for Police, Justice and Corrections Partnership Retreat - Tuesday 18 September 2018

On 18 September 2018, ASG Zouev of DPKO/OROLSI and ASG Dieye of UNDP/BPPS co-chaired a GFP Partnership retreat that was facilitated by ASG Page, Special Adviser on Rule of Law, Global Focal Point Review Implementation. The objective of the meeting was to provide the participants with an update on the progress made and agree on the next steps with regard to the implementation of the GFP Review recommendations. The meeting brought together GFP partners from EOSG, DPKO, UNDP, OHCHR, UNODC, UN WOMEN and UNHCR. DPA, DFS, PBSO, OCT, and CTED also attended the meeting as observers.

I. Decisions

Based on the GFP Review recommendations, the following decisions were taken:

➤ The inclusion of SSR in the GFP arrangement

The expansion of the scope of the GFP arrangement to include security sector reform (SSR)-related activities;

➤ A new name for the GFP

The Global Focal Point for Police, Justice and Corrections will be renamed “the Global Focal Point (GFP) for the Rule of Law.”

➤ A Mission Statement for the GFP

A Mission Statement that articulates the added value of the GFP was drafted and distributed to the participants before the Retreat. Following discussions, it was determined that it will be adopted after a final review on Tuesday, 25 September 2018.

II. Discussions

➤ GFP management structure

Participants received a briefing on the **PROPOSED** four-tiered structure for the management of the GFP.

1) *Principal-level involvement.* The DSG or the CdC to convene periodic meetings with the Principals of the GFP entities to discuss strategic challenges, agree on broad system-wide direction, and external messages for Member States and to ensure a strategic approach by the Organization on rule of law issues as a key component of the primacy of politics. The need for strategic planning at the outset will also be highlighted to integrate Rule of Law issues as a political and not only as a technical tool.

2) *Strategic Steering Committee (SSC)* co-chaired by the ASG/OROLSI and ASG/BPPS. In addition to the co-chairs, the SSC will be comprised of the Principals of the GFP partner entities.

The Strategic Steering Committee would meet twice a year and be responsible for giving strategic direction, ensuring accountability of the GFP, and provide advocacy with Member States and donors.

3) *Director-level Management Team*. The Management Team will perform the functions of the current management team of directing the substantive work of the GFP arrangement, including approving the annual work plan, deciding on priority requests, and overseeing the substantive aspects of the joint programmatic work.

4) *Strengthened Core Team*. The Core Team should ensure the full potential of the GFP as an effective joint delivery mechanism, including, inter alia, serving as the Secretariat of the GFP arrangement.

UNDP and DPKO both pledged to ensure that adequate and predictable resources will be available for the Core Team. If such dedicated resources permit a strengthened Core Team, it could, in addition to secretariat functions, provide technical expertise for joint programmes design, develop the normative framework, substantive policy guidance, guidelines, and processes for the GFP arrangement and serve as a centre of excellence and a repository of lessons learned and best practices.

➤ GFP funding options

Participants were presented with three funding options for the GFP going forward, namely:

1. Transforming UNDP's *Global Programme on Strengthening the Rule of Law and Human Rights* into a MPTF, to be administered by UNDP;
2. Keep existing funding streams and enhance senior level decision-making power over the funds;
3. Create a window for the GFP within the PBF.

It was agreed that DPKO, UNDP, in consultation with EOSG and PBSO will develop an options paper that considers the different alternatives and will be presented to the GFP senior management for further discussions.

➤ Inter-operability challenges

Participants received a briefing on the key challenges identified during the first meeting of the GFP Inter-operability Working Group (IOWG). The IOWG is looking at issues in a number of streams, including colocation, information-sharing, financing mechanisms (including programmatic funding), and reporting, monitoring and evaluation.

After thanking ASG Page for her leadership in establishing the IOWG, agreement was reached that the IOWG will continue to meet under the co-chair of OROLSI/OASG and UNDP/BPPS.

III. Next steps

In terms of follow up, it was agreed:

1. To convene a high-level event with member states and donors to present the findings of the GFP Review and provide them with an update on the progress made with regard to the implementation of the GFP Review recommendations.
2. At the end of the consultative process, bring the set of decisions made by the GFP management to the DC/EC for endorsement and renew the engagement at the senior level of the organisation for the GFP.