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Temporary Arrangements for the Assessment of Individual Police Officers (IPOs) and Formed Police Units (FPUs) for Deployment to Peacekeeping Operations and Special Political Missions

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A. Introduction

- Following travel restrictions and lockdowns related to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the United Nations Secretariat issued Transitional Measures for the Partial Resumption of Uniformed Rotations in a COVID-19 Environment, which took effect on 1 July 2020 and will last until 31 December 2020. In several instances, however, deployed United Nations Police (UNPOL) personnel have served beyond the duration of their tour of duty to support host-State communities and counterparts through their extended stays.
- 2. In order to ensure the timely deployment and rotation of individual police officer (IPOs) and formed police units (FPUs) in support of mandate implementation, it is essential that the United Nations Police Division continues deployment of assistance and assessment visits to police contributing countries (PCCs), to run assessments for mission service (AMS) and for operational capability (AOC). The physical presence of the Selection Assistance and Formed Police and Assessment Teams (SAAT/FPAT) on the ground is essential to exercising direct outreach, providing assistance and technical guidance to PCCs, and contributing to an improved selection and recruitment process. Such visits also play a key role in assisting Member States in the recruitment of women officers, in furtherance of the goals of the Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy 2018-2028. Finally, these visits play an important role, through direct collaboration with senior officials in the PCCs, in conveying key messages on cross-cutting police issues such as Member States contributions to Peacekeeping Operations and Special Political Missions (hereinafter field missions), raising awareness about the Strategic Guidance Framework for International Policing, new deployment modalities, including Specialized Police Teams and civilian policing experts, and other areas where Member States may require technical and advisory assistance.
- 3. To relieve deployed UNPOL personnel, ensure sustained operations and c9-s

DOS guidance on precautionary measures

20. Instructors, liaison officers, and all participants assigned to testing facility must follow the guidance on the use of necessary PPE (including face masks), carry out sanitizing measures and ensure necessary distancing (at least six feet) during the entire assessment. Any candidates not following the guidance shall be immediately excluded from the exercise.

Language Competency Assessment

- 21. The number of persons involved in photocopying documents and using audio equipment should be limited to a reasonable minimum. Copying/scanning equipment shall be duly disinfected before and after use.
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 22. Auditoriums, classrooms, chairs and stationery shall be disinfected before and after each assessment session.
- 23. Instructors shall use sanitizers and/or other disinfectants prior to distributing and collecting test materials.
- 24. Additional instructors from field missions and/or United Nations Police Division may be remotely involved in scoring written tests results. This arrangement shall be coordinated by the Police Division beforehand, considering time differenand/or arC. (242.454 0N8.1 (s)-1.7 (ar)0..i)-

- 33. A maximum of two persons (instructor and one candidate) are allowed in the vehicle for the road exercise.
- 34. A transparent protective shield should be installed inside the cabin between the instructor and the driver.

Firearm handling and Shooting exercise

35. Preference should be given to the use of an open-air shooting range that complies with

- 59. During these exceptional times, it is of paramount importance that PCCs receiving an AMS/AOC Team ensure that necessary and adequate medical support is available throughout the assessment visit.
- 60. This may include the provision of adequate medical resources and facilities to which to refer UN personnel, in the event that medical assistance is required.