



Security in the Field



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Security Responsibility

- The primary responsibility for protection of UN personnel and property is with the Government of Côte d'Ivoire. However, it is understood that during some emergencies and particularly in cases where civil disorder may ensue, the host government may not be able to fully ensure the security and protection of UN staff and operations and therefore UN has set up its own Security Plan to ensure the protection and security of UN staff, eligible dependents and property.

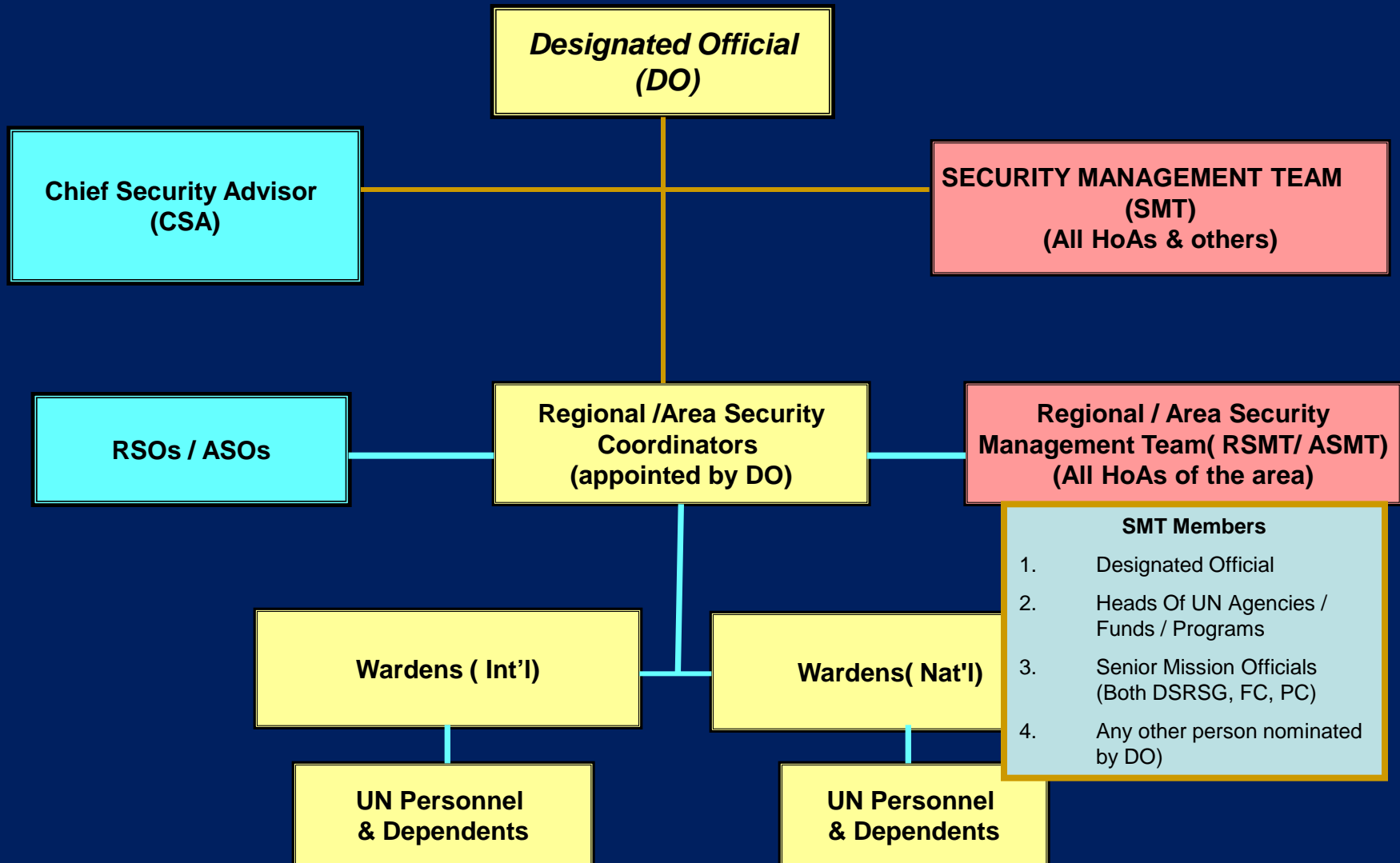
Role of Area Security Officer (ASO)

- *The Area Security Officer is responsible to the CSA through RSO.*
- *Security professionals are deployed to assist the OCs in the discharge of security management responsibilities.*
- *ASOs advise the OC in all security matters affecting their AOR, who together with ASMT makes security decisions.*
- *Functions are as follows:*
 - 1- Conduct all investigations within the Area.
 - 2- Plan, prepare and implement security measures including travel and security advisories.
 - 3- Advise the OC on general security situation and potential risk to UN personnel and property within the area.
 - 4- Liaise closely with other international and local partners to collect, and analyze security information.
 - 5- Conduct Security Risk assessment (SRA) and recommend necessary mitigating measures.
 - 6- Conduct Structured Threat Assessment (SLA), using a point system. The Structured Threat Assessment evaluates five categories: Armed Conflict, Terrorism, Crime, Civil Unrest and Hazards (such as earthquakes or floods).

Role of Security Officer (contd)

- 7- Advise all UN personnel regarding MORSS requirements (private residences and recommended hotels).
- 8- Conduct security survey at all UN installations, buildings and compounds.
- 9- Organize security briefings and exercises for UN staff on warden and evacuation plan.
- 10- Draft the Integrated Area Security Plan in co-ordination with the OC and ASMT.
- 11- Organize, train and manage the local Security Guards.
- 12- Coordinate military escorts with concerned components.
- 13- Coordinate with CPU for VIP visitors.
- 14- Serve as a member of ASMT.
- 15- Assist in the appointment , training and coordination of the Warden System.

Country Security Structure



Security Arrangements

- **Designation of Wardens.** Wardens are not security professionals. They are selected from among international and locally recruited personnel and appointed by the DO/OC in , in writing, in consultation with the SMT, to assist in the implementation of the security plan. Wardens are accountable to DO/ASC for their related functions, irrespective of their employing organization. It is voluntary and a vital link between the security plan and execution.
- **Concentrations Areas.** Concentration Points are designated areas where staff members and their eligible dependents will gather to wait for the final decision for their relocation, evacuation or return to their offices and residences. The facilities provided must be able to host UN personnel and eligible dependents for 8 days even more, following the security situation.
- **Emergency Communication Procedures**

Communications are a key factor in the safety and security of an operation and its staff members.

 - Emergency Communication : 1- Bulk SMS 2- Radio Communication – HF, VHF 3- Radio Room at every duty station.
 - 4- 24h/7day coverage . 5- Satellite phones 6- Only field equipped vehicles can undertake field travel
- **Coordination Center Plans.** Coordination Center in Abidjan is Seboko and the various sector / area HQ. These locations should be equipped with all necessary equipment for the DO, SMT or CMT (Abidjan) and the same for OC in sectors to manage crisis. There is a Joint Operation Centre (JOC) which provides all necessary communication links.

Coordination between SO and OC

- Assist the OC in the execution of his / her security responsibilities.
- ASO is the principal adviser to OC on all matters pertaining Safety/Security of UN Personnel.
- Manages all safety/security operational matters such as (MOSS, MORSS, SRA, Security Plan, Security Clearance (TRIP), Security incidents, Security Reporting, ASMT minutes, Security Advisories etc...) on behalf of the OC.

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