



Lesson 1.1

UN Secretariat Structure

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- UN Secretariat Origin, Roles, Responsibilities and Organisational Structure
 - Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), Department of Peace Operations (DPO), and Department of Operational Support (DOS)
 - Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance (DMSPC)
 - UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS)
 - Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
 - Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)



Learning Outcomes

- Describe the general organisation and roles of the UN Secretariat
- Describe the main responsibilities of the Departments of the UN Secretariat
- Identify key Departments for interaction while deployed in a field mission



Principal Organs

General Assembly

Security Council

Secretariat



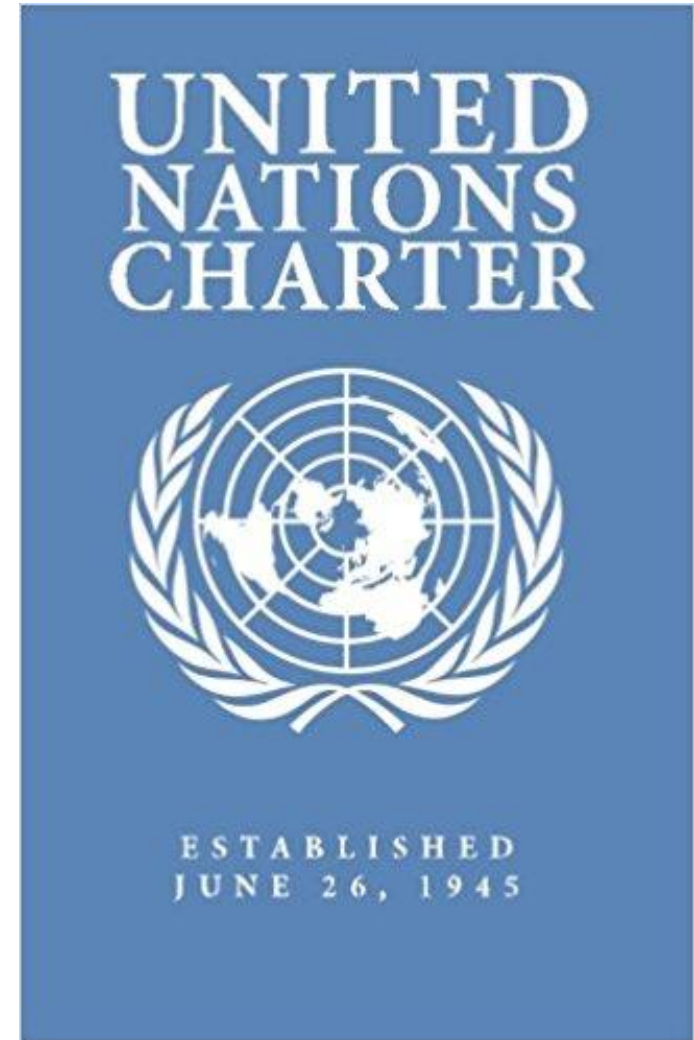
International Court of Justice

Economic and Social Council

Trusteeship Council

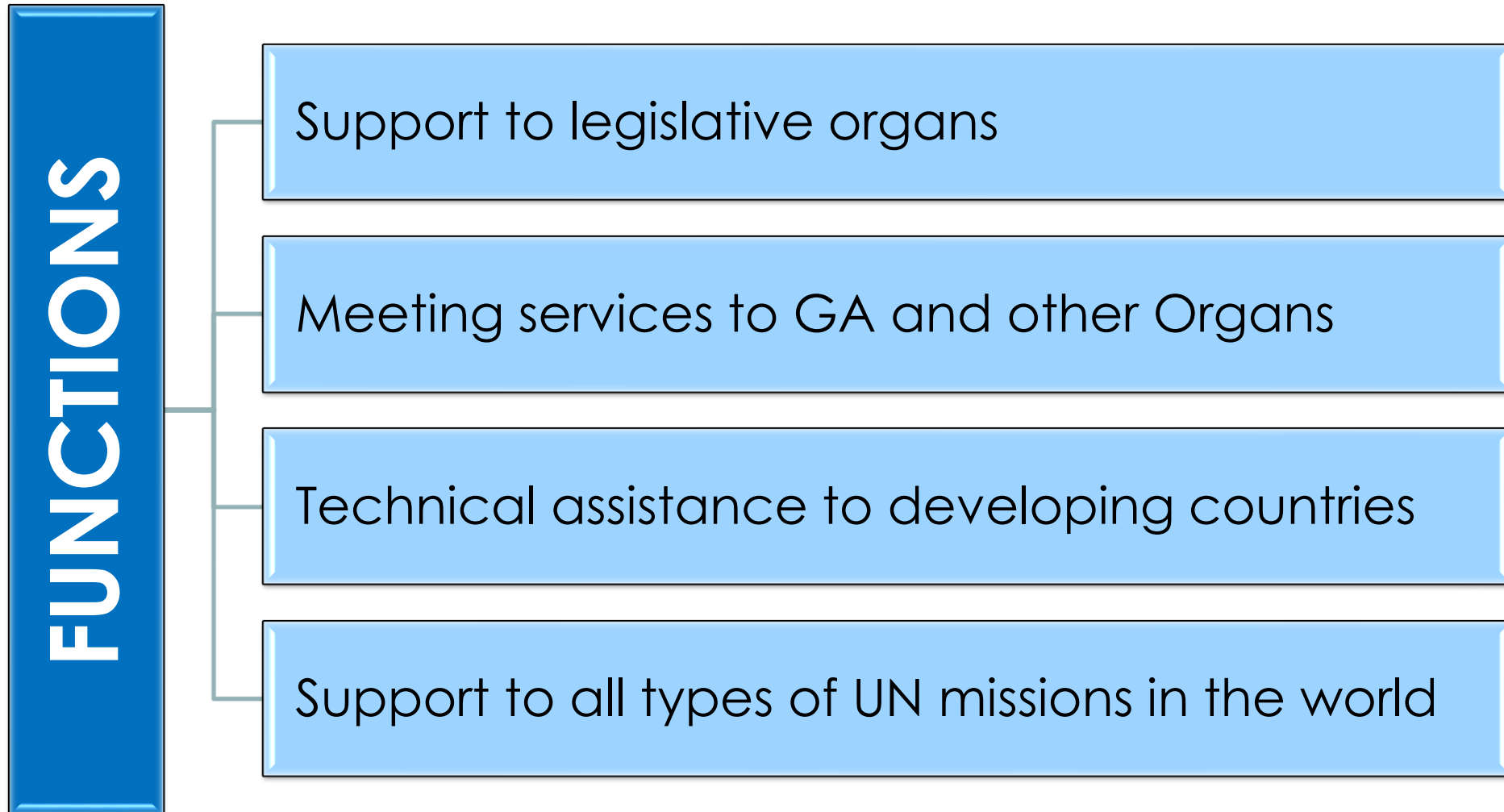


- Chapter I: Purposes And Principles
- Chapter II: Membership
- Chapter III: Organs
- Chapter IV: The General Assembly
- Chapter V: The Security Council
- Chapter VI: Pacific Settlement of Disputes
- Chapter VII: Action with respect to Threats to the Peace,
- Chapter VIII: Regional Arrangements
- Chapter IX: International Economic and Social Co-operation
- Chapter X: The Economic and Social Council
- Chapter XI: Declaration regarding Non-Self-Governing Territories
- Chapter XII: International Trusteeship System
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- **Chapter XV: The Secretariat**
- Chapter XVI: Miscellaneous Provisions
- Chapter XVII: Transitional Security Arrangements
- Chapter XVIII: Amendments
- Chapter XIX: Ratification and Signature





Secretariat Functions



Secretariat Organisation





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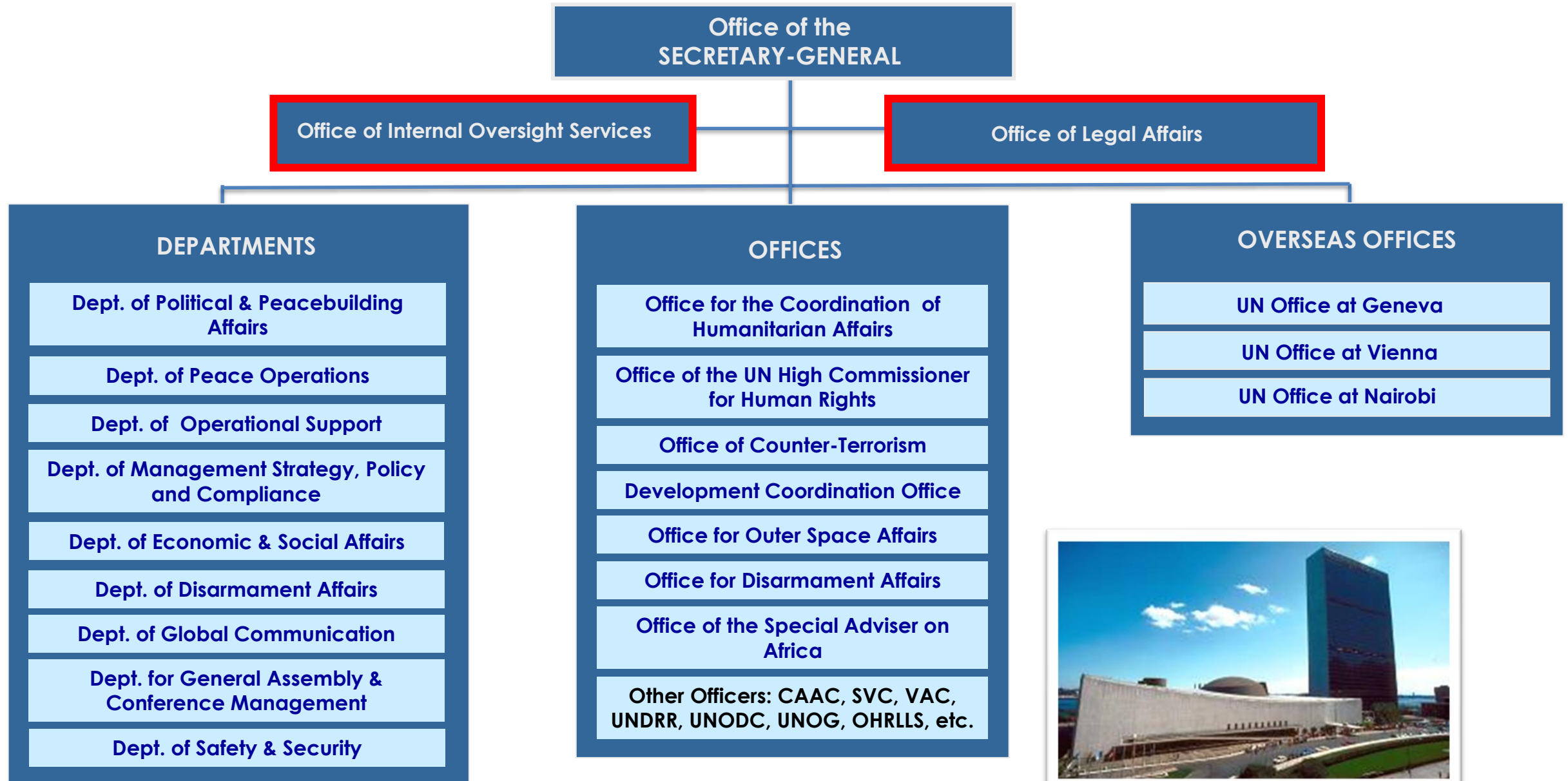


- UN Charter 1945 – Chapter XV
- To support Legislative Organs
- Led by the Secretary-General
- Chief Administrative Officer of the Organisation



Secretary-General:
Mr António Guterres
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Secretariat Organisation



Secretariat Departments Active in Peace Operations



- **DPPA:** provides focused support to prevent and resolve deadly conflicts around the world
- **DPO:** provides political and executive direction to UN peacekeeping operations
- **DOS:** provides operational support to all UN Secretariat and entities around the globe

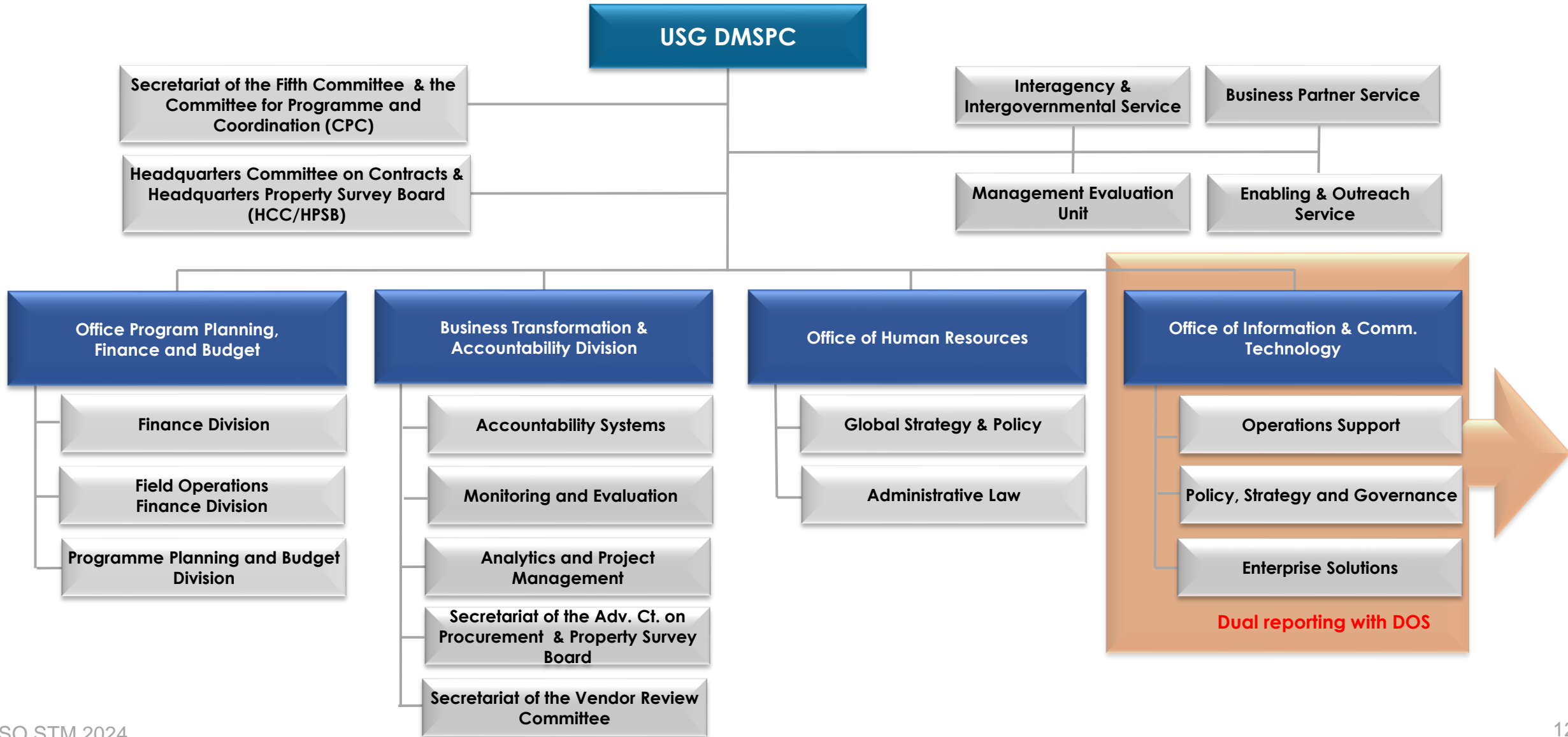
Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance (DMSPC)



DEPARTMENTS
Dept. of Political & Peacebuilding Affairs
Dept. of Peace Operations
Dept. of Operational Support
Dept. of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
Dept. of Economic & Social Affairs
Dept. of Disarmament Affairs
Dept. of Global Communication
Dept. for General Assembly & Conference Management
Dept. of Safety & Security

- Provides strategic advice on management issues
- Develops strategies and guidance concerning budget, human resources and system accountability
- USG DMSPC Represents the SG on relevant bodies

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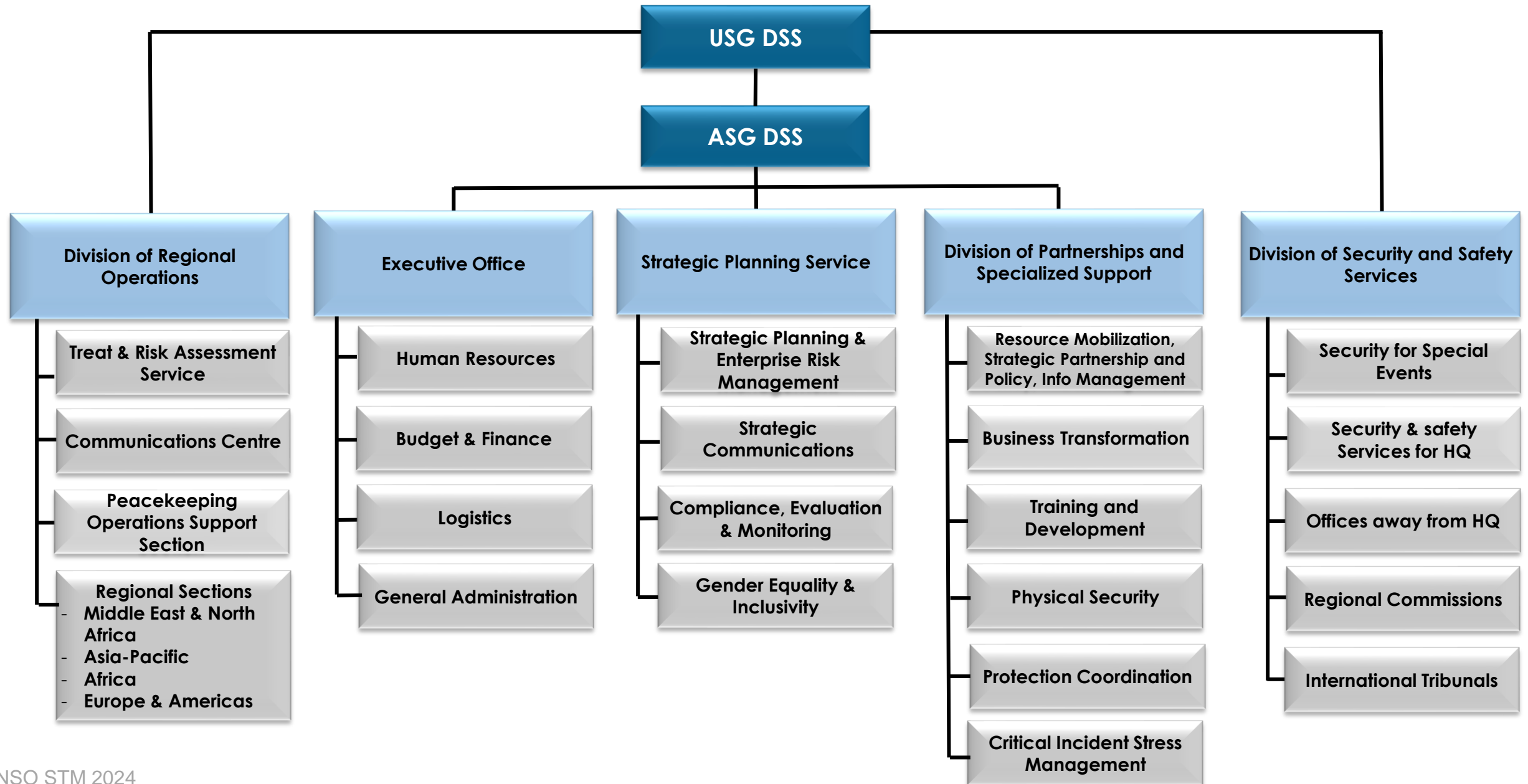


UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS)



- Provides leadership, operational support and oversight of the security management system
- Ensures security for staff and eligible dependents
- Network of security coordinators & advisors deployed worldwide for UN programs
- Offices in more than 130 countries

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Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)



- **Responsible for**
 - Coordinating humanitarian actors to ensure a coherent response to emergencies
 - Providing a framework facilitating each actor's contribution to the overall response effort
- **OCHA's mission is to:**
 - Mobilize and coordinate effective humanitarian action in disasters and emergencies
 - Advocate the rights of people in need
 - Promote preparedness and prevention
 - Facilitate sustainable solutions

Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)



- Principal UN organisation mandated to promote and protect HR for all
- Focuses on three main areas: standard setting, monitoring, and implementation of HR
- Secretariat for other components of UN HR system
- Lead office for the HR screening policy
- Conduct HR violations inquiries

Responsibilities at Strategic Level

USG DPPA

- **Monitors and assesses global political developments**
- **Guides Special Political Missions and promotes peace/peacebuilding**
- **Provides staff support to UN Security Council**

USG DPO

- **Plans, monitors and guides UN Peacekeeping Missions**
- **Generates / recruits uniformed personnel, units and capabilities**
- **Liaises with Member States and agencies**

USG DMSPC

- **Establishes strategic management and policy framework**
- **Provides strategic human resources guidance and policy**
- **Manages UN Peace Operations financial matters**

USG DOS

- **Provides strategic direction to PO support (SPMs & PKMs)**
- **Delivers dedicated support to UNHQ, entities and field missions**
- **Provides operational information and communications support**

USG DSS

- **Provides safety and security framework**
- **Assumes accountability & responsibility for security direction and control**
- **Offers provision of safety and security services**

Summary of Key Messages



- Created in 1945 through the UN Charter, the UN Secretariat is located in New York, with offices and agencies worldwide
- The Secretariat supports the UN legislative bodies
- Led by a Secretary-General appointed by the GA
- The Secretariat executes the decisions of the SC and GA