



## Lesson 1.2

# Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA)

# Content



- Role of DDPA to prevent and resolve conflicts
- Organisation, structure and roles of the DPPA
- Regional Political Operational structure and shared services between DPPA and DPO



# Learning Outcomes

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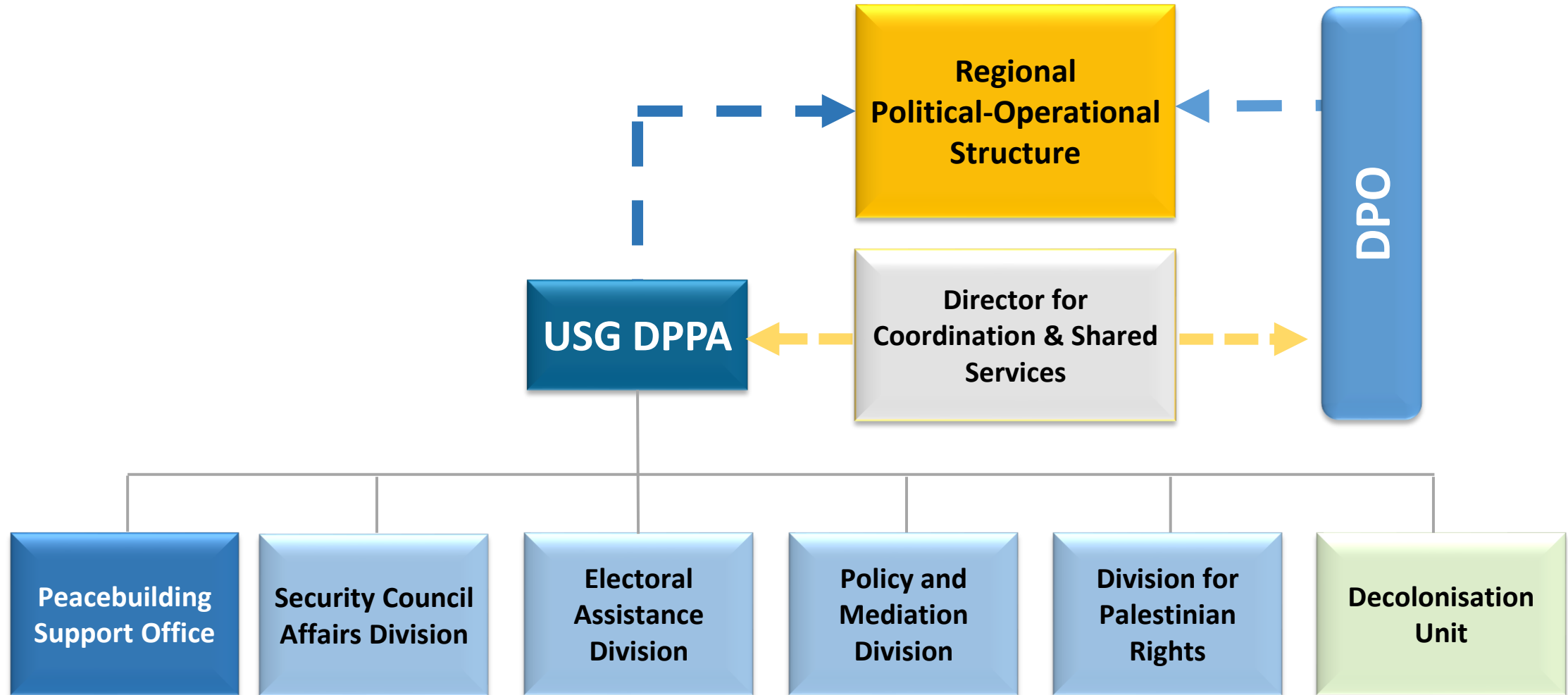
- Explain the role of DPPA concerning peace and security
- Describe the organisation, structure and roles of the DPPA
- Explain the role of the Regional Political Operational Structure and shared services between DPPA and DPO

# Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA)



- Central role in UN efforts to prevent and resolve deadly conflicts
- Focus areas in international peace and security:
  - Ensuring sound analysis and early warning
  - Preventing conflict and engaging in peacemaking
  - Managing political crises and violent conflicts
  - Sustaining peace
  - Enhancing partnerships
- Monitors global political developments to detect potential crises
- Provides support to SG and his envoys to help defuse crises

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# Peacebuilding Support Office

## DPPA

### Peacebuilding Support Office

Security Council Affairs Division

Electoral Assistance Division

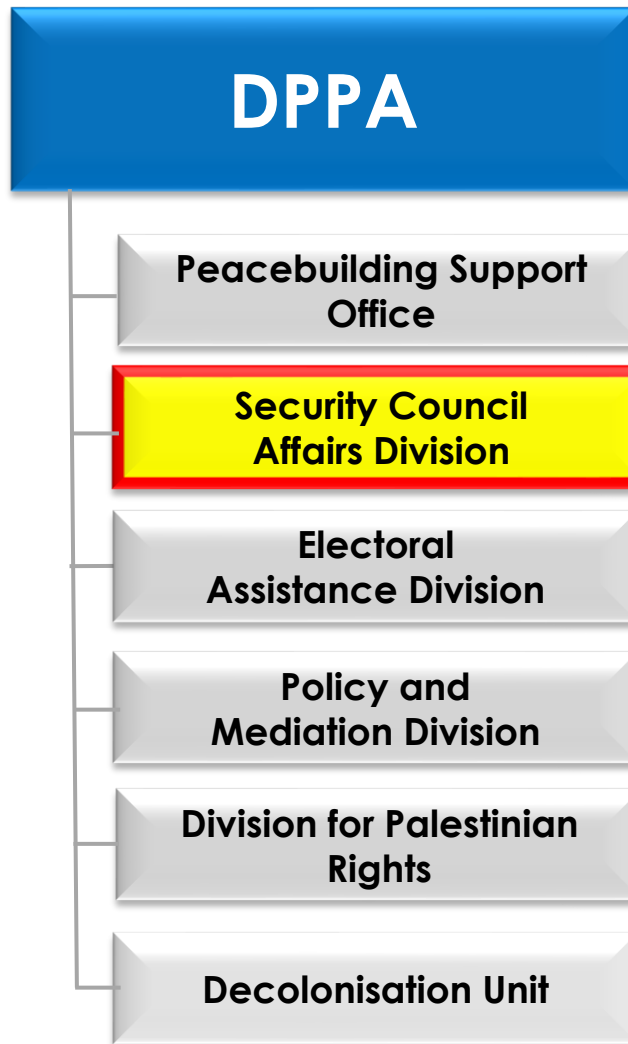
Policy and Mediation Division

Division for Palestinian Rights

Decolonisation Unit

- Supports peace efforts in conflict-affected countries
- Works to enhance UN system capacities to deliver on peacebuilding and sustaining peace
- Manages SG's Peacebuilding Fund

# Security Council Affairs Division

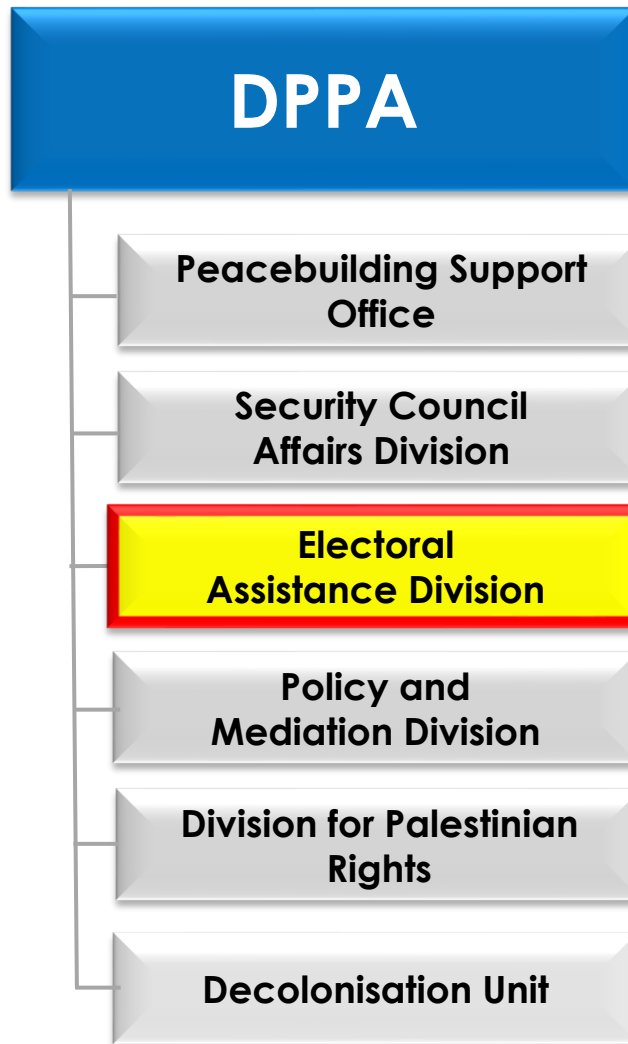


- Provides Secretariat functions for UNSC
- Supports UNSC subsidiary organs:
  - Committees: Counter-Terrorism, Sanctions, WMD, Military Staff
  - Working groups: Documentation and Procedures
  - Specific entities: ICTY, ICTR
- Provides advisory and research services to UNSC on practice and procedure





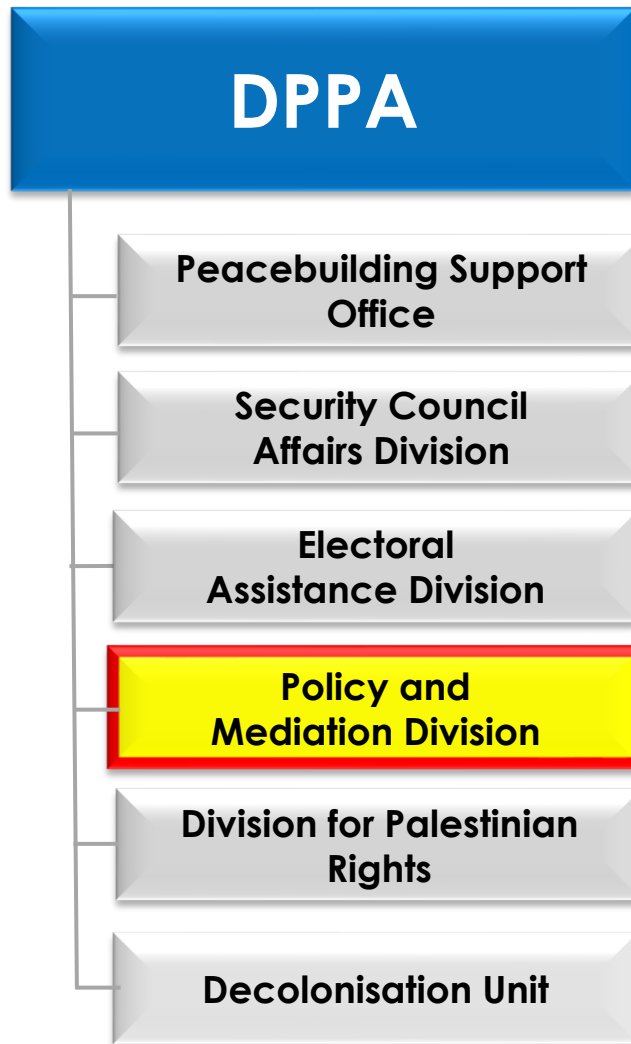
# Electoral Assistance Division



- UN Focal Point for Electoral Assistance
- Provided on request of MS or mandated by UNSC or GA
- Tailored to specific needs of the country
- Objective, impartial, neutral and independent
- Provides political and technical guidance to all UN entities involved in Electoral Assistance



# Policy and Mediation Division



- **Preventive Diplomacy:** envoys dispatched to crisis areas to encourage dialogue and the peaceful resolution of tensions
- **Mediation:** provides operational support to peace and dialogue processes
- **Peacemaking:** working with regional organisations to bring ongoing conflicts to an end, and to prevent new crises from emerging or escalating

# Palestinian Rights and Decolonisation



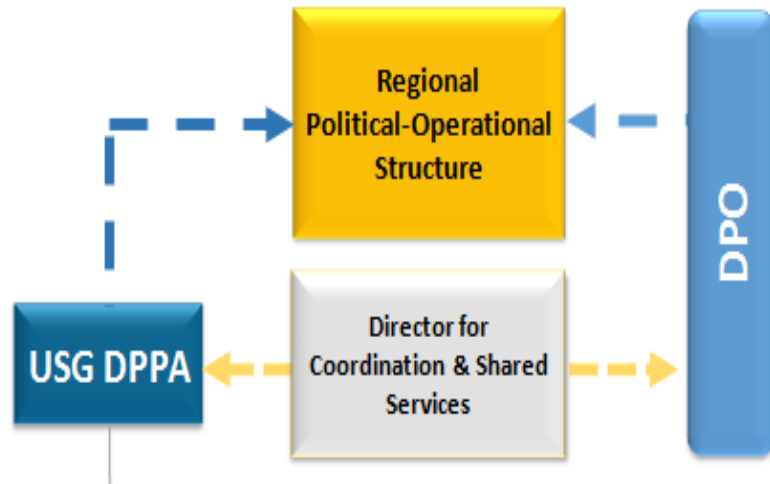
- **Division for Palestinian Rights**

- Supports the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

- **Decolonisation Unit**

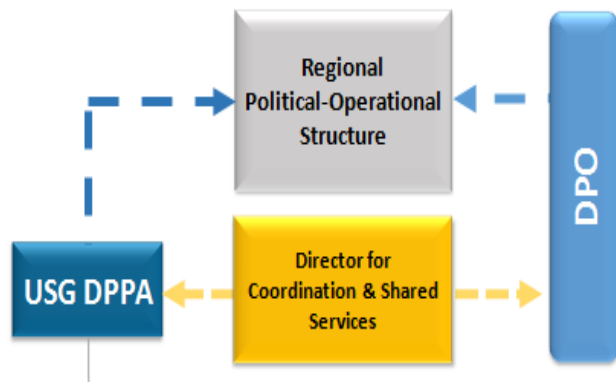
- Monitors the 17 remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories' political, economic and social developments
- Advises and supports the Special Committee on Decolonization

# Regional Political Operational Structure



- Shared function with DPO
- Three Offices
  - Office of the ASG for Africa
  - Office of the ASG for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas
  - Office of the ASG for Middle East, Asia and the Pacific
- First point of contact with UNHQ from the Field Mission leadership
- All PKO and SPM are overseen by the respective geographic divisions

# Director for Coordination and Shared Services



- Supports both DPPA and DPO: financial, personnel, and administration responsibilities
- Contributes to Peacekeeping Situation Centre (SITCEN) as part of UN Operations and Crisis Centre (UNOCC)
- Monitors leadership requirements in Peace Operations
- Manages media relations
- Provides Policy and Strategy on Safety and Security measures related to Peace Operations

# Summary of Key Messages

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- DPPA plays a central role in UN efforts to prevent deadly conflict and build sustainable peace
- Monitors and assesses global political developments to detect potential crises and devise effective responses
- Provides support to the SG and appointed envoys in their peace initiatives, as well as to UN political missions
- Cooperates with regional organisations on the frontlines of conflicts

# Learning Activity



Group discussion

Total Time: 15 mins

Preparation: 8 min

Discussion: 7 min

- What are the main offices (Office, Division, or Unit) under DPPA that staff officers in the field mission may coordinate with?
- Briefly explain the main responsibilities of these offices and the type of coordination staff officers should maintain with them in field missions.