What is UNLOPS?

The United Nations Liaison Office for Peace and Security (UNLOPS) is a dedicated office based in Brussels since 2011 for developing closer, more predictable and continuous partnerships between the UN and the European Union (EU), the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and other Brussels-based organizations on peace and security matters. UNLOPS contributes to stronger institutional dialogue and improved coordination of peace and security operations and policy.

UNLOPS formally represents the three departments of the United Nations Secretariat in New York charged with overseeing international peace and security: the Departments of Peacekeeping Operations, Political Affairs, and Field Support.

The Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) helps countries torn by conflict create the conditions for lasting peace. The Department provides direction to UN peacekeeping operations around the world and maintains contact with the Security Council, troop and financial contributors, and parties to the conflict in the implementation of Security Council mandates. Under-Secretary-General (USG) Hervé Ladsous is the head of DPKO.

The Department of Political Affairs (DPA) plays a central role in United Nations efforts to prevent and resolve deadly conflict around the world. The Department provides close support to the Secretary-General and his envoys, as well as to UN political missions deployed to areas of tension around the world with mandates to help defuse crises or promote lasting solutions to conflict. Under-Secretary-General (USG) Jeffrey Feltman is the head of DPA.

The Department of Field Support (DFS) provides dedicated support to peacekeeping field missions and political field missions. DFS provides support in the areas of finance, logistics, Information, Communication and Technology (ICT), human resources and general administration to help UN missions promote peace and security. DFS also includes the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi, Italy. Under-Secretary-General (USG) Ameeraah Haq is the head of DFS.

What does UNLOPS do?

- Facilitation of high level UN visits from New York and the field to Brussels
- Support for UN-EU and UN-NATO real time policy information exchange
- Backstopping formal EU and NATO institutional dialogue mechanisms on peace and security
- Facilitation and support for enhanced partnership on thematic issues and in geographic settings
- Outreach & representational duties

Our Brussels-based Peace and Security Partners

- EU Member States representatives based in Brussels, notably PSC Ambassadors
- The European External Action Service (EEAS)
- European Commission
- European Parliament
- European-based NGOs and academic institutes
- NATO
- African Union (AU) office and other regional partners based in Brussels
United Nations Charter

Chapter 1, Article 1

The Purposes of the United Nations are:

To maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace; [...]