Lesson 3.2 Liaison and Coordination
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• Definition and aim of liaison and coordination

• UNMO liaison and coordination tasks

• Types of liaison and coordination

• Methods of conducting liaison and coordination UN peacekeeping operations
Learning Outcome

• Explain liaison and coordination tasks performed by UNMO

• Explain different types and methods of liaison and coordination

• Describe guidelines for conducting liaison and coordination in UN peacekeeping operations
Establish / maintain liaison and coordination with:

- Local authorities and leaders (gender appropriate)
- Military and other armed elements at different levels
- Police and local militia(s)
- Civilian organizations, including women’s and children’s organizations
Tasks

- INGOs / NGOs, UN agencies
- Other IOs example: ICRC
- Local leaders and officials
- Members of different religions, ethnicities, population groups
- Report on meetings
- Keep records of liaison and contacts
Tasks

• Keep force elements continuously informed
• Liaison assistance requests are met promptly
• Challenges when using interpreters
• Keep gender perspective in mind
Tasks

- FHQ/UN/Other Msn Elements
- Local Government and Security Forces
- Armed Factions
- Leaders of Civil Society
- INGO/NGOs
Lines of Coordination

- Cross-boundary friendly forces
- Across chain of command
- Civil authorities and international organizations
- Belligerent forces
Cross-Boundary Liaison and Coordination – Friendly Forces

• Maintain transparency of intentions

• Encourage cross-boundary support

• Assist commonality of force posture and military activity

• Cross-boundary operations conducted effectively

• Ensure operations do not conflict
Friendly Forces

- Information Sharing
- Assist planning
- Relaying future intentions
Civil Authority and International Organizations

- Help with shared initiatives
- Increase / facilitate security
- Gender balance
Gaining and Sharing Information

- Understand Concerns
- Report Violations
- Areas of Friction

Advocacy against child soldiers (guided by CPA)
Methods

Formal

Informal
Considerations

• Coordinate with all members of the team
• Focus on the aim of liaison and coordination
• Follow interviewing technique
• Maintain a gender perspective
Lesson Take Away

- Make necessary liaison and coordination with all relevant stakeholders impartially
Lesson Take Away

• Four types of liaison and coordination tasks:
  - Cross-boundary with friendly forces
  - Chain of command
  - Civil authorities / international organizations
  - Belligerent forces

• Liaison and Coordination can be formal or informal

• UNMO should focus on aim, follow interview technique and keep a gender perspective
Questions