

# United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo



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## UNMIK Environmental Policy

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**UNMIK ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

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## **A. PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this document is to establish the policy and guidance for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) on environmental matters and its implementations in the Mission area.
2. This policy requires integrating environmental objectives and control measures that are to be implemented through all phases of the mission. All personnel shall conduct themselves in accordance with this document, which will ensure fully compliance with the DPKO/DFS Environmental Policy and other guidelines and associated objectives, instructions, and/or operating procedures.

## **B. SCOPE**

3. All UNMIK personnel and interested parties, including UNMIK clients and suppliers, should be aware of this policy. The policy is to ensure compliance with the superior documents, as well as aims to provide guidance on various environmental aspects including roles and responsibilities within the mission.

## **C. RATIONALE**

4. This policy recognizes the social and economic importance of protecting the environment and the need to consider this subject as part of strategic decision-making process.
5. UNMIK is obliged to conduct its operations in an environmentally sound manner to protect the environment, human health and safety and natural resources in the Mission areas of operation.

### **5.1. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OBJECTIVES**

- Integrate the environmental concerns at all levels of the decision making
- Ensure compatibility with UN and local environmental laws and regulations
- Integrate the environmentally friendly management practices into all aspects of UNMIK operations and ensure continuous improvement in the Mission environmental performance
- Build a strong environmental culture amongst the mission personnel
- Make a cost-effective use of energy, water and other materials
- Reduce, reuse, recycle of waste in all aspects of our business function
- Monitor and regularly assess environmental impact resulting from UNMIK operations, and continual improve our environmental performance

- Consider environmental concerns and life cycle performance in all UNMIK procurement processes
- Communicate and enforce implementation of this policy to all interested parties including our clients, suppliers and employees.

#### **D. RESPONSIBILITIES**

6. The Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) as the Head of Mission (HoM) has the overall responsibility for the UNMIK Environmental Policy.
7. The Chief of Mission Support (CMS), under the direction of the HoM, is responsible for implementation of the policy throughout UNMIK.
8. The Environmental Officer (EO), under the supervision and delegation given by CMS, is responsible for coordinating and managing actions on environmental issues in UNMIK. EO shall ensure implementation and monitor environmental policy objectives in compliance with superior documents as well as approved plans and other documents.
9. Section/Unit Chiefs throughout the organization are responsible for the communication of the policy and promoting active participation at all levels, whilst ensuring that activities under their control conform to the compliance requirements and that good environmental standards are achieved and maintained.
10. Employees and contractors have the responsibility to actively support UNMIK to ensure the effective implementation and maintenance of the policy.

#### **E. CONTACT**

11. The contact person for this policy is UNMIK Environmental Officer.

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