

Procurement Reform

A/60/846/Add.5

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Main Themes for Procurement Reform Action

- **Strengthening of internal control measures**
- **Optimizing UN acquisition program and procurement management**
- **Strategic management of UN procurement**

Action Implemented

- Financial disclosure of procurement staff
- Ethics and client service training for all staff in the Procurement Division
- Promulgation of Supplier Code of Conduct

Action Implemented

- Updated and posted the Procurement Manual on the website
- Implemented revised terms and conditions for tender documents
- Tighter control on Ex-post facto cases for review by the Committee on Contracts
- Implement best practices in industries and improve efficiency in procurement process

On-going Activities

- Transparency and Integrity -
- Establish independent contract award protest system
- Promulgate rules governing the conduct of staff engaged in procurement activities
- Improve the contract award and Purchase Order information on Procurement Division website

On-going Activities

- Vendor Management -

- Development of Term of Reference and composition of the Vendor Review Committee
- Review of vendor registration system and registration criteria

On-Going Activities

- Peacekeeping Procurement -
 - Review of governance structure for field procurement
 - Development of special rules and procedures for mission start-up
 - Review of procedures for approval of field procurement cases
 - Partnership with other organizations within the UN system

On-Going Activities

- Human Resource Management -
 - Reorganize Procurement Service to Division
 - Recruitment of procurement staff against the GTA funds approved
 - Formalize rotation of staff
 - Finalize comprehensive procurement training package
 - Improve professional qualification of procurement staff

On-Going Activities

- Efficiency Enhancement -
 - Procurement management system with real time interface with Field Procurement
 - Implementation of purchasing card programme for low value procurement

Conclusion

- The ongoing Procurement Reform Process must be carried out diligently, without interruption, and with the required resource level, expertise and funding
- Progress on implementation is a continuous process for which Member States shall be informed accordingly

Recommendation

For Procurement Division

- Conversion of GTA funds for 11 posts [1 P-5, 3 P-4, 4 P-3, 1 GS (PL) & 2 GS (OL)] in A/60/727;
- Conversion of GTA funds and additional funding for 6 posts (1 D-1, 4 P-4 & 1 P-3) in A/60/846/Add.5; and
- Funding of Other Reform Action

Recommendation

For Office of Mission Support/DPKO

- Conversion of GTA funds to 2 posts (1 P-5 & 1 P-4) in A/60/727

For the Headquarters Committee on Contracts

- Conversion of GTA funds to 3 posts [1 D-1, 1 P-4 & 1 GS (OL)] in A/60/727

For General Legal Division/OLA

- Conversion of GTA funds to 4 posts [2 P-5, 1 P-4 & 1 GS (OL)] in A/60/727

Summary of Remaining Action of the General Assembly

- Conversion of GTA funds for 17 posts for the Procurement Division and 9 posts for the other offices to “support account funded posts”
- Approval for additional funding of \$1,756,650 to fully support the reform measures described in A/60/846/Add.5

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We need support of General Assembly
to continue the Procurement Reform as
a matter of priority.