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SUBJECT: Four-week Rest and Recuperation cycle

1. I refer to your message of 14 April 2016 with the Human Resources Network’s recommendation for a four-week rest and recuperation cycle.

2. According to General Assembly resolution, the four-week travel cycle is outside the rest and recuperation framework. However, for very exceptional cases, a four week cycle may be approved by the Chairman of the ICSC.

3. After careful review and in consultation with the Department of Safety and Security (DSS), the ICSC Chairman has approved the following duty stations for a four-week rest and recuperation cycle effective 1 April 2016:

   a) Iraq – Baghdad, Kirkuk, and Mosul;
   b) Mali – Gao, Kidal, and Tessalet;
   c) Somalia – Baidoa, Belet Uen, Boosaaso (Bender Cassim), Buale, Dolow, Dusa Mareb, Galkacyo, Garowe, Jowhar, Kisimayo, Merca/Shalambot, Mogadiscio, and Wajid;
   d) Syria – Al Nabek, Aleppo, Ar Raqqa, Damascus (Camp Faour), Daraa, Deir Ezzour, Hamah, Hassake (Al-Hasakah), Homs, Idlib, Lattakia, Qamishli, and Tartous;
   e) Yemen – Hodeidah, Ibb, and Sana’a.

4. As you will recall, the Commission at its seventy-fifth session decided that the locations approved for the four-week cycle will be reviewed every three months (ref. A/67/30, para 231(b). The locations listed in paragraph three above will therefore be reviewed again in July 2016.