

- The Department is currently reviewing various elements of these examinations including changing the format of the examination and managing the NCE rosters. A note verbale on temporary suspension of the NCE examination will be sent to the Permanent Missions shortly. Meanwhile, the Secretariat continues to recruit candidates from the NCE rosters.
- There are 453 candidates on the NCE roster. I have advised all Departmental Heads on 28 April to fill the vacant P-2 posts within three months, failing which the Department of Management shall exercise its authority to place successful P-2 candidates from the roster.

PRESS INQUIRY

- Mr. Al-Sulbi, Ms. Moutar, Ms. O'Brien, Mr. Meyers and I met on 8 May to address inaccurate reporting by press, particularly Fox News, Wall Street Journal, and Inner City Press, and their insistence on not publishing our response clarifying UN's position.

The proposed writing to professional journalistic bodies which regulate the journalists concerned as well as letters to the Editors with copies to their Company's Legal Counsel. With regard to Inner City Press, we should also consider complaining to Google News (they host Inner City Press) regarding consistent inaccurate reporting.

Should IPI gather sufficient examples of inaccurate reporting to warrant a formal complaint to the relevant regulatory bodies such as "centre and deputy" or "senior editors" etc.

Special Community Features

As a result of the recent outbreak of violence in the East End, the Emergency Policy Team (SEPT) of the Community Management Unit (CMU) has been set up to coordinate the response to the situation.