

- 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 Issues

- Mr. Akmalia, Ms. Mwanza, 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.