

The Importance of human rights for peace and security and the value-added of the Human Rights Up Front Action Plan (HRuFAP)

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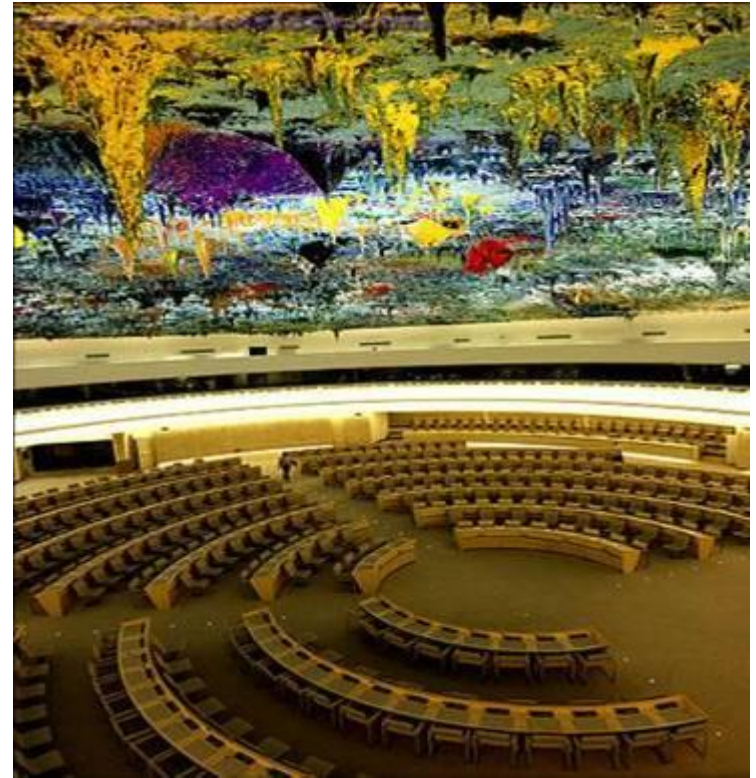


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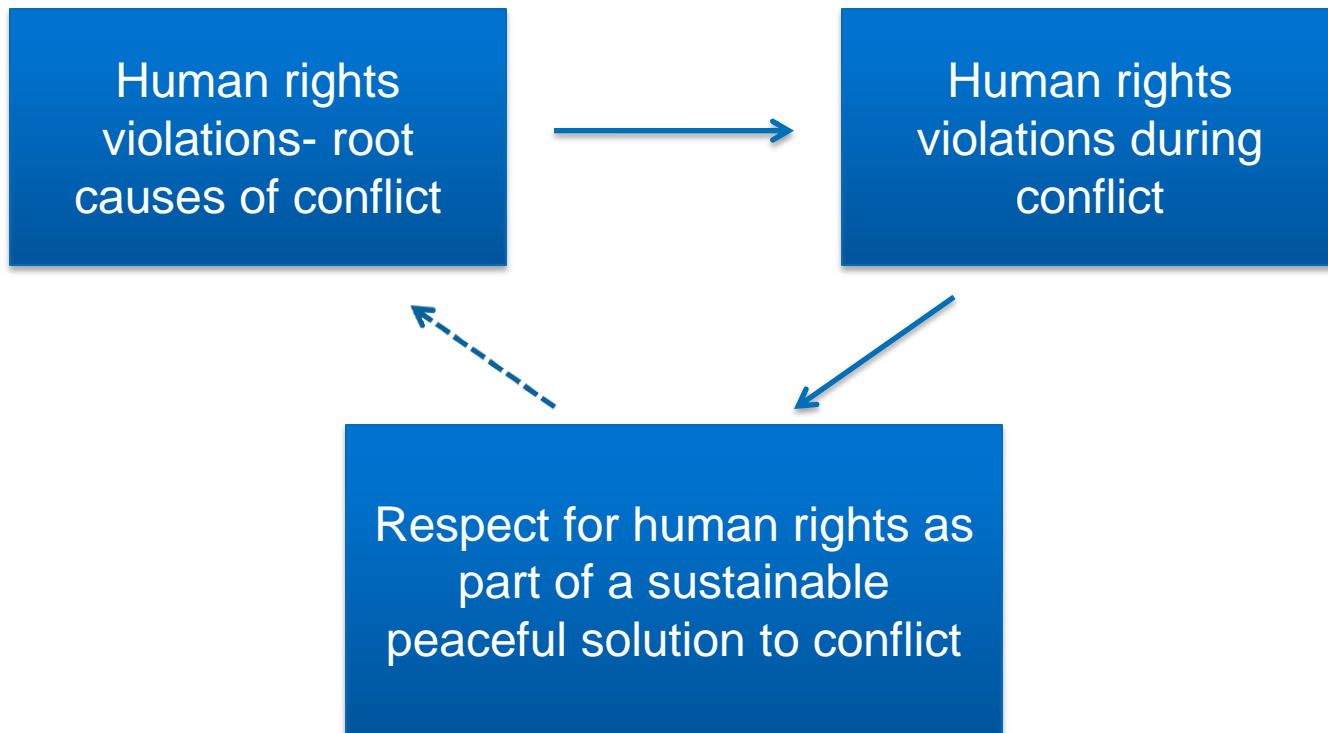
Human Rights: The third pillar of the United Nations

- Peace and Security
- Development
- Human Rights

Former Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, reflecting the inter-linked aims set out in the UN Charter:
There can be no peace without development, no development without peace, and neither without human rights.



Human rights and the conflict cycle



The origins of the HRUF

Sep 2008 – May 2009
Final stages - Sri Lanka



March 2011
Report of Panel of Experts



November 2012
Report of the IRP



July 2013 - “Human Rights
Up Front”



2012 Internal Review Panel Conclusions

Concerns identified in 2012 - “Systemic Failure”

1. Information on human rights violations was not systematically gathered, analysed and used
2. Unpreparedness and missing links between the field, headquarters and Member States

Could the lives of thousands of people have been saved?

Rights Up Front - Key elements

ACTION 1: Integrating Human Rights in the lifeblood of all staff

ACTION 2: Strengthen Human Rights capacity and coordination

ACTION 3: Actionable strategies on the ground

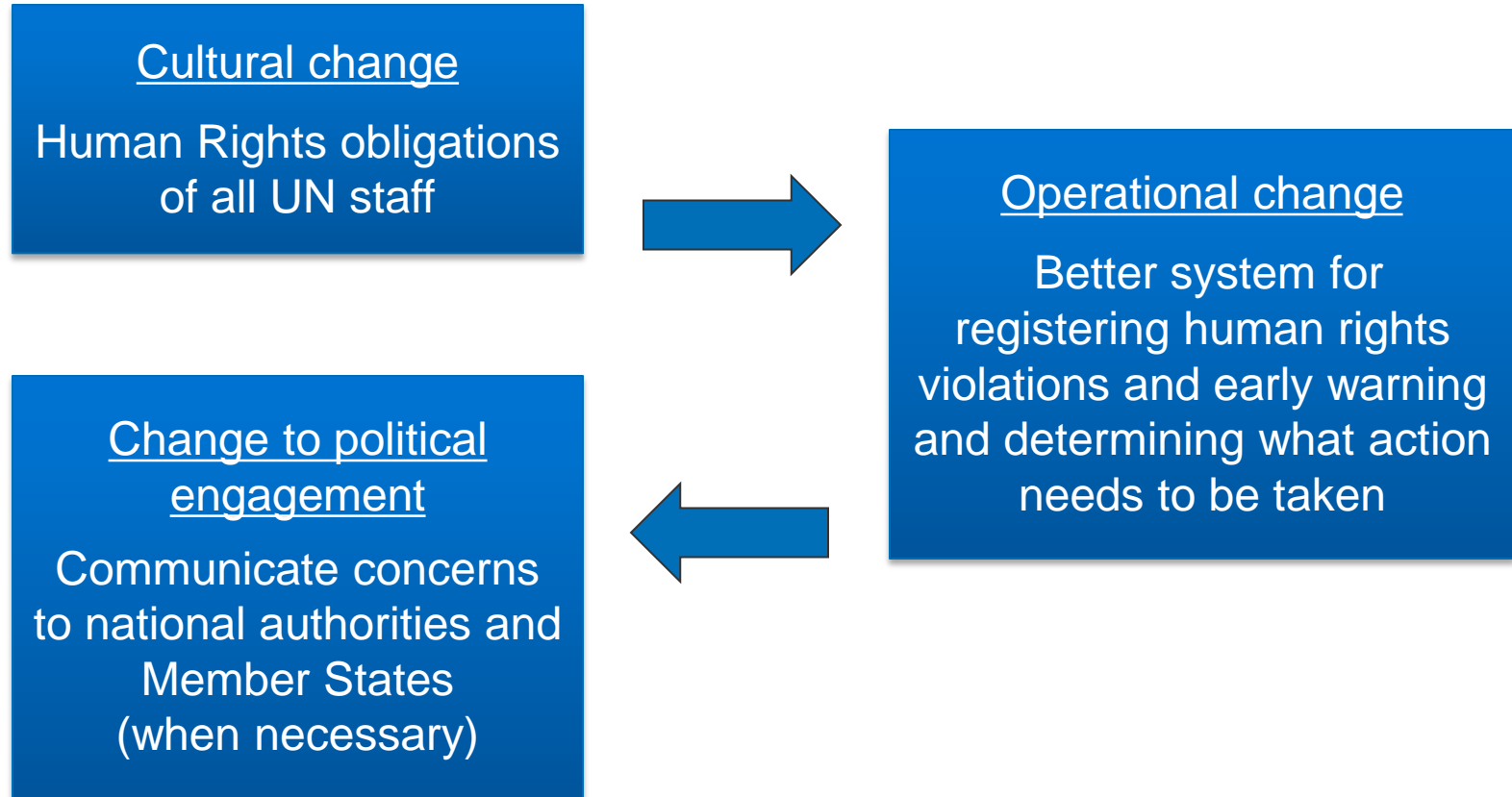
ACTION 4: Whole of UN Approach at HQ

ACTION 5: Gathering information and analysis

ACTION 6: Telling Member States what they need to hear

Detailed action plan (60 items) for field and HQ implementation led by EOSG

Relevance to the operational work of the UN system



Human Rights up Front

Who's responsibility?

- The Secretary-General and ALL UN staff
- UNCTs
- Member States?

Information on HRUF

Documentation on HRuF has been shared with all senior officials

- Ask the head of your department, agency, fund or programme
- Ask your Resident Coordinator
- Ask your SRSG

What can you do at country level as a follow-up?

- Organize discussions on what HRuF should mean for you and your UN department, agency, fund, program
- Begin the process of conducting a simple assessment of the human rights situation and determining how concerns could be addressed.

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