DPA Guidance on Security Aspects of SPM Deployment:

- The primary responsibility for the security and protection of UN personnel rests with the host authorities, but the UN Department of Safety and Security (DSS) is responsible for operational support and oversight of the security management system. DPA staff should communicate closely and meet regularly with DSS, providing it with information about the nature and profile of the mission so that it can implement sufficient security measures for the mission and the UNCT as a whole.

- DSS must assess the potential security risk to staff and plan risk mitigation measures accordingly. Its assessment determines the number of security staff required and the location of the Mission Headquarters and field offices.

- In choosing security personnel, the mission may hire local staff, use host country police, contract local companies, or use Secretariat security officers.

- Close protection for the Head of Mission should always be included in the initial budget, even if it may ultimately not be necessary.

- In the start-up phase, mission managers should ensure that the security section addresses the immediate security of mission staff, and they must put a mission evacuation plan in place as early as possible.

- DPA staff must assist DSS in consulting with the UNCT on the ground and sensitizing the UNCT before the arrival of the mission.