

UNDSS VISION



My name is David Veness and I have the honour and privilege to have been appointed as the first United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security effective 28 February 2005.

We have embarked on a process of change, which is to be largely completed by the start of the 60th session of the General Assembly (September 2005)

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By this time, I envision achieving the following three main goals:

- (Be) The world's most effective, professional, flexible and supportive department of safety and security.
- (Have) Enhanced operational ability to enable and deliver the United Nations mission in the most demanding locations on the globe.
- (Work with) A team of men and women who are respected and envied as the gold medal standard of international safety and security achievement.

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I am very excited about the opportunity to work with my team, to realize these goals.

In the words of the Secretary-General in his statement to the Fifth Committee on 1 November 2004: “There is no more important responsibility than to ensure the protection of my staff. Those talented and dedicated men and women carry out vital missions of development and peace throughout the world, in always challenging and sometimes hostile circumstances. They need and indeed deserve the best possible safety and security”