

**INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP
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**Item 2: Demobilization - Follow-up to ECHA Recommendations on
Responsibility within the UN System**

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ECHA decided to recommend for the approval of the Secretary-General the following:

(a) Without prejudice to the operational responsibilities of UN Departments and organizations for different aspects of demobilization, UNDP should establish a resource centre at Headquarters to serve as a depository of knowledge and experiences on demobilization. The centre should also maintain a roster of experienced personnel and other relevant resources for demobilization. The resource centre should also facilitate the provision of technical advice to the field upon request. The resource centre should work closely with the political, peace-keeping, humanitarian and development components of the UN.

(b) The United Nations must ensure that there is an integrated demobilization programme in a given country. This would require close cooperation among the political, peace-keeping, humanitarian and development components of the UN system. The SRSG should ensure effective coordination among these components, respecting fully the role of DPA, and in countries where there is a peace-keeping operation, the role and responsibilities of DPKO as mandated by the Security Council. In countries where there is no SRSG, the RC/HC would assume that responsibility.