## UNITED NATIONS



## SECRETARIAT



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## ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

To: Members of the staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General, Office of General Service

Subject: AUTHORITY OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY OFFICERS

- 1. United Nations Security Officers function as agents of the Secretary-General to preserve order and to protect persons and property within the Headquarters area. All persons on the premises are expected to comply with the directions that may be issued by the Security Officers in the performance of their functions. The Security Officers, in turn, have been instructed always to observe courtesy in the discharge of their duties.
- 2. Compliance with directions in no way prejudices the privilege of every staff member to file complaints with the Chief, Security and Safety Section, if directions are thought to be unfair or unjust.
- 3. Refusal to comply with directions issued by the Security Officers within their authority may be reported by the Chief, Security and Safety Section, to the Office of Personnel through the Assistant Secretary-General, Office of General Services, for appropriate action.
- 4. This instruction supersedes ST/AFS/SER.A/207 of 12 May 1953.