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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, regarding the latter's note No. LA/COD/50, dated 31 December 2007, has the honour to enclose herewith the information of the Republic of Korea concerning paragraph 3 and 4 of the General Assembly Resolution 62/63, entitled "Criminal Accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission"

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosed: as stated (IPage)

1 July 2008 New York

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Information provided by the Republic of Korea concerning paragraph 3 and paragraph 4 of the General Assembly Resolution 62/63 of 6 December 2007, entitled "Criminal Accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission"

(With regard to paragraph 3 : The establishment of jurisdiction over crimes committed by Korean nationals while serving as UN officials or experts on mission outside the ten itory of the Republic of Korea)

The Criminal Law of the Republic of Korea applies to Korean nationals who commit crimes outside the territory of the Republic of Korea. To military personnel of the Republic of Korea who commit crimes outside its territory, the Military Criminal Law of the Republic of Korea will apply.

(With regard to paragraph 4 : Cooperation between States in the exchange of information and in facilitating the conduct of investigations and, as appropriate, prosecution of United Nations officials and experts on mission who are alleged to have committed crimes)

The Government of the Republic of Korea has endeavored to facilitate cooperation with other States in the field of mutual legal assistance. As of June 2008, the Republic of Korea has concluded 23 Treaties on Extradition and 18 Treaties on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters. Those treaties provide the legal framework for mutual cooperation in the exchange of information and the conduct of investigation or other necessary cooperative measures. In addition, in accordance with the Extradition Law and the Law on International Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, the Government of the Republic of Korea may carry out extradition and other mutual legal assistance on a reciprocal basis.