



PERMANENT MISSION OF SWEDEN
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The Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations and with reference to the Secretariat's note LA/COD/50 of 31 December 2008, has the honour to transmit the following information regarding the implementation of General Assembly resolution 63/119 of 11 December 2008, entitled "Criminal Accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission".

As regards operative paragraph 3 of the resolution, the Swedish Criminal Code provides that prosecutions are not limited to persons who commit crimes and offences in Sweden. Crimes committed by Swedish nationals abroad are also covered when those crimes are punishable in the territory in which they have been committed. Swedish criminal law also establishes universal jurisdiction that applies in the case of serious specific crimes outside Sweden. Accordingly, the Swedish judicial authorities are fully competent to prosecute its nationals in this regard while serving as United Nations officials or experts on mission. Furthermore, a government committee is currently analyzing ways in which to ensure this competence also with regard to less serious crimes.

As regards operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of the resolution, Swedish judicial assistance and cooperation with other States is governed by numerous bilateral and multilateral agreements, while cooperation with the United Nations is covered by the relevant Headquarters Agreement. There are no obstacles to close cooperation of the nature suggested in these paragraphs, with the relevant authorities in the country where the crimes in question are committed.

The Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

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