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VERBAL NOTE

The Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the note LA/COD/50 of 8 January 2010, has the honour to submit the following information pursuant to paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 14 of the United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/110 of 16 December 2009, entitled "Criminal Accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission."

In addition to our comprehensive and detailed reports in 2008 and 2009, we would like to inform that Finland's Comprehensive Crisis Management Strategy was adopted and published in November 2009. The aim of the strategy is to strengthen the comprehensive approach in Finnish crisis management activities. As a part of the strategy, the importance of addressing human rights in international crisis management activities is emphasized. Particular attention is paid to enhancing the status of women and girls and to their empowerment. It is affirmed that there is zero tolerance of misconduct or human rights violations perpetrated by personnel operating in international crisis management missions. All allegations of criminal behaviour will be investigated and confirmed cases of misconduct will be subject to appropriate legal sanctions.

As explicitly stated in the strategy, Finland also reaffirms its commitment to the promotion of the establishment of a common criminal accountability regime for UN crisis management personnel.

The Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurance of his highest consideration.

New York, 1 July 2010

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New York

