REPUBLIC OF KOREA

PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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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 has the honour to refer to the latter's note LA/COD/50 of 8 January 2010 requesting Governments to submit information on the topic entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission."

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea has further the honour to submit aforementioned information of the Republic of Korea as attached.

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

Secretary-General The United Nations New York



Information by Republic of Korea on the topic entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission."

- 1. The Criminal Law of the **Republic of Korea** applies to those nationals who commit crimes outside its territory. The Military Criminal Law of the Republic of Korea applies to military personnel of the Republic of Korea who commit crimes outside its territory. Thus, Korean authorities possess the ability to exercise criminal jurisdiction over crimes committed by Korean nationals irrespective of their status as UN officials or experts on mission.
- 2. As of June 2010, the **Republic of Korea** has concluded 25 treaties on extradition and 20 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, extradition and other mutual legal assistance may be undertaken on a reciprocal basis.