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The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the note LA/COD/50 of 27 December 2011, has the honour to transmit the following information pursuant to the United Nations General Assembly resolution 66/93 of 9 December 2011, entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission".

In addition to our comprehensive and detailed related reports on the matter in 2008 and 2009, and the information reported in 2010 on Finland's Comprehensive Crisis Management Strategy, Finland would like to inform the Secretary-General that Finland has adopted a new national Action Plan for the implementation of the Security Council Resolution 1325 "Women, Peace and Security" on 6 June 2012. In the Comprehensive Crisis Management Strategy and in the national Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security the term "crisis management" is used in accordance with the Finnish domestic legislation and covers in the UN context military, police and civilian participation in peacekeeping, peacebuilding and political operations.

The Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security stresses that sexual exploitation and abuse in all its forms is a criminal act. All suspected sexual exploitation and abuse cases involving Finnish military or civilian crisis management personnel are to be reported to the competent authorities and investigated in accordance with Finnish law. According to the Action Plan, Finland will report to the organisations carrying out crisis management operations on how crimes committed within such operations are addressed and investigated. The Action Plan recalls that the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse entered into force in Finland in 2011, and notes that the Convention contains a waiver from the so called requirement of double criminality. Sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of a child are criminalised in Finland also in cases where the act was committed in a State where such an act is not considered a crime. In training provided by Finland, the criminal responsibility of crisis management personnel in accordance with Finnish law is stressed, also in cases where the personnel has immunity from the jurisdiction of national courts of the area of operation.

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

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