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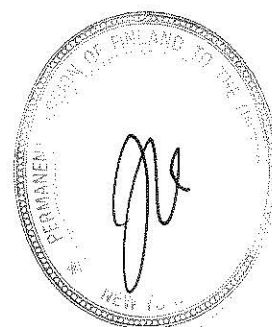
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The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the note LA/COD/50 of 4 January 2013, has the honour to transmit the following information pursuant to the United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/88 of 14 December 2012, entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission".

At present, there are about twenty Finnish military observers serving at United Nations operations who fall under the category of "United Nations officials and experts on mission". The training of the Finnish military observers includes classes both on legal and gender issues. The legal training covers, inter alia, the criminal responsibility of military observers under national law, international law and the law of the host country. The training programme includes military, war and other crimes. Information on procedures after crimes have been committed also forms part of the legal training. The criminal responsibility of Finnish military or civilian crisis management personnel under Finnish law is stressed, including in cases where the personnel has immunity from the jurisdiction of national courts of the area of operation. Issues related to General Assembly resolution 67/88, such as human trafficking, prostitution and protection of victims are dealt with under the training on gender issues.

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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the Secretary-General of
the United Nations
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