

LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS NUOLATINĖ MISIJA JUNGTINĖSE TAUTOSE PERMANENT MISSION OF LITHUANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the Note LA/COD/50, has the honour to transmit herewith the information provided by the relevant national authorities of the Republic of Lithuania, as regards the implementation of General Assembly resolution 69/114 of 10 December 2014, entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission".

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania 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.

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H. E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon Secretary-General of the United Nations New York At the outset Lithuania would like to state that no allegations against United Nations officials or experts on mission having Lithuanian citizenship have been brought to the attention of the Republic of Lithuania pursuant to paragraph 9 of the United Nations General Assembly resolution 69/114. However, should such allegations be brought to attention, Lithuanian legislation provides for their investigation by established national, territorial and universal jurisdiction and procedures enabling to effectively conduct and afford assistance in connection with criminal investigations, criminal or extradition proceedings in respect of crimes of serious nature committed by United Nations officials or experts on mission.

Criminal Code of the Republic of Lithuania establishes the principle of active national jurisdiction where citizens and permanent residents of Lithuania are criminally liable under the Criminal Code of the Republic of Lithuania for the crimes committed abroad. Lithuanian Criminal Code also establishes universal jurisdiction under international treaties for certain crimes, such as crimes against humanity and war crimes, trafficking in human beings, money laundering, terrorist activity, and several others, regardless of the citizenship and place of residence of the perpetrator or the territory where the crime has been committed.

Therefore, it may be stated that Lithuanian Criminal Code establishes sufficiently broad jurisdiction over citizens and permanent residents, as well as other persons for crimes covered by international treaties, to be brought to justice under Lithuanian legislation for the crimes committed abroad, including while performing functions of United Nations officials or experts on mission.

In relation to paragraph 5 (c) of the UN General Assembly resolution 69/114, it should be noted that Lithuania has adopted appropriate legislation, including a particular Law on the Protection Against Criminal Influence, in order to provide effective protection of witnesses and victims of crimes committed by, *inter alia*, United Nations officials or experts on mission. Persons affected may also benefit from appropriate aid programmes and seek effective remedy for the damages sustained under the general provisions of the Criminal Code, the Code of the Criminal Procedure and other applicable national legislation.

With regard to paragraphs 5 (a) and (d) of the UN General Assembly resolution 69/114, Lithuania would like to inform that its national legislation and relevant bilateral and multilateral international treaties provide for effective cooperation in affording assistance in relation to criminal investigations, criminal or extradition proceedings, including assistance in obtaining evidence and responding adequately to requests by host States for support and assistance in order to conduct effective investigations in respect of crimes of serious nature allegedly committed by United Nations officials or experts on mission.

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