



WE ARE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPERS

The United Nations Organization embodies the aspirations of all the people of the world for peace. In this context the United Nations Charter requires that all personnel must maintain the highest standards of integrity and conduct.

We will comply with the Guidelines on International Humanitarian Law for Forces Undertaking United Nations Peacekeeping Operations and the applicable portions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the fundamental basis of our standards.

We, as peace-keepers, represent the United Nations and are present in the country to help it recover from the trauma of a conflict. As a result we must consciously be prepared to accept special constraints in our public and private lives in order to do the work and to pursue the ideals of the United Nations Organization.

We will be accorded certain privileges and immunities arranged through agreements negotiated between the United Nations and the host country solely for the purpose of discharging our peacekeeping duties. Expectations of the world community and the local population will be high and our actions, behaviour and speech will be closely monitored.



We will always:

- ◆ Conduct ourselves in a professional and disciplined manner, at all times;
- ◆ Dedicate ourselves to achieving the goals of the United Nations;
- ◆ Understand the mandate and mission and comply with their provisions;
- ◆ Respect the environment of the host country;
- ◆ Respect local customs and practices through awareness and respect for the culture, religion, traditions and gender issues;
- ◆ Treat the inhabitants of the host country with respect, courtesy and consideration;
- ◆ Act with impartiality, integrity and tact;
- ◆ Support and aid the infirm, sick and weak;
- ◆ Obey our United Nations superiors and respect the chain of command;
- ◆ Respect all other peace-keeping members of the mission regardless of status, rank, ethnic or national origin, race, gender, or creed;
- ◆ Support and encourage proper conduct among our fellow peace-keepers;
- ◆ Maintain proper dress and personal deportment at all times;
- ◆ Properly account for all money and property assigned to us as members of the mission; and
- ◆ Care for all United Nations equipment placed in our charge.



We will never:

- ◆ Bring discredit upon the United Nations, or our nations through improper personal conduct, failure to perform our duties or abuse of our positions as peace-keepers;
- ◆ Take any action that might jeopardize the mission;
- ◆ Abuse alcohol, use or traffic in drugs;
- ◆ Make unauthorized communications to external agencies, including unauthorized press statements;
- ◆ Improperly disclose or use information gained through our employment;
- ◆ Use unnecessary violence or threaten anyone in custody;
- ◆ Commit any act that could result in physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to members of the local population, especially women and children;
- ◆ Become involved in sexual liaisons which could affect our impartiality, or the well-being of others;
- ◆ Be abusive or uncivil to any member of the public;
- ◆ Willfully damage or misuse any United Nations property or equipment;
- ◆ Use a vehicle improperly or without authorisation;
- ◆ Collect unauthorized souvenirs;
- ◆ Participate in any illegal activities, corrupt or improper practices; or
- ◆ Attempt to use our positions for personal advantage, to make false claims or accept benefits to which we are not entitled.



We realize that the consequences of failure to act within these guidelines may:

- ◆ Erode confidence and trust in the United Nations;
- ◆ Jeopardize the achievement of the mission; and
- ◆ Jeopardize our status and security as peacekeepers.