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SUBJECT: UNMIK CIVPOL INVESTIGATION

CLASSIFIED BY: IO/AS, M SOUTHWICK, REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST.
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2. (C) BACKGROUND: A RECENT UNMIK INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION HAS FOUND THAT TWO AMERICAN CIVPOL OFFICERS WERE INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES THAT VIOLATED THE UNITED NATIONS CIVILIAN POLICE CODE OF CONDUCT. THE TWO OFFICERS HAVE BEEN FIRED AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONSIDERING WHAT ADDITIONAL ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST THEM IN THE US.

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3. (C) THE UN INVESTIGATION FOUND THAT ONE OF THESE OFFICERS

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WAS INVOLVED WITH A KNOWN CRIMINAL AND BROTHEL OWNER AND ACCEPTED GIFTS FROM HIM IN THE FORM OF "GIRLS." WE TAKE THIS REPORT VERY SERIOUSLY AND NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT US AND OTHER CIVPOL HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE ENGAGED WITH PROSTITUTES, NIGHTCLUB OWNERS, AND/OR OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE SEX TRADE. INL HAS IMPROVED ITS PRE-DEPLOYMENT BRIEFINGS ON ISSUES RELATED TO THE TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN, HAS INSTITUTED A NO-TOLERANCE POLICY, AND IS LOOKING CLOSELY AT WHAT MORE THE DEPARTMENT CAN DO TO DETER US CIVPOL OFFICERS FROM CONDUCT CONTRARY TO REGULATIONS.

4. (U) IN DISCUSSING POINTS IN PARA 6 BELOW, USUN SHOULD AVOID ANY UN ATTEMPT TO DIVERT DISCUSSION TO THE USG'S RESPONSE TO USCIVPOL DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS. THE FOCUS OF THIS DISCUSSION SHOULD BE ON WHAT THE UN IS DOING TO DISCOURAGE, INVESTIGATE AND RESPOND ON A SYSTEMATIC BASIS. HOWEVER, IF PRESSED, USUN CAN NOTE THAT USCIVPOL CAN BE SUMMARILY FIRED (WITH NO APPEALS PROCESS) AND IF FIRED MUST PAY THEIR OWN WAY HOME, WILL RECEIVE NO COMPLETION BONUS, ARE NOT PAID FOR THE PERIOD OF WORK THEY DO NOT COMPLETE IN THE CONTRACT PERIOD, MAY BE PROSECUTED UNDER APPROPRIATE

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CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ARE PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING IN FUTURE MISSIONS.

5. (C) WE BELIEVE THE UN MUST UNDERTAKE SIMILAR EFFORTS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT SUCH CONDUCT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND WILL BE QUICKLY AND THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED. (NOTE: IN THE CASE OF THE TWO OFFICERS DISCUSSED ABOVE, THE INITIAL INTERNAL UN REPORT OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE OFFICERS WAS "LOST" BY THE UNMIK REGIONAL COMMAND AND UNMIK INTERNAL AFFAIRS WAS NOTIFIED AND INITIATED AN INVESTIGATION ONLY AFTER THE ALLEGATIONS WERE LEAKED, MONTHS LATER, TO THE PRESS.)

6. (U) USUN SHOULD APPROACH DPKO AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO RAISE OUR CONCERN OVER THESE CASES AND SIMILAR ONES IN THE PAST. WE BELIEVE THAT DPKO NEEDS TO REVIEW PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES TO MINIMIZE THE CHANCE FOR FUTURE SUCH INCIDENTS AND TO BE SURE THAT WHEN INFRACTIONS OCCUR INVESTIGATIONS BE COMPLETE AND EXPEDITIOUS. IDEAS FOR IMPROVING CURRENT UN PROCEDURES INCLUDE:

-SPECIFIC BRIEFINGS ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS DURING UN INDUCTION AND CLEAR STATEMENTS, DELIVERED ORALLY AND IN WRITING TO NEW CIVPOL INDUCTEES, THAT UNAUTHORIZED INVOLVEMENT WITH NIGHTCLUBS, BROTHELS, PROSTITUTES AND KNOWN

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CRIMINALS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

-INSTRUCTIONS TO UNMIK REGIONAL COMMANDS THAT ALL ALLEGATIONS OF INVOLVEMENT WITH PROSTITUTES, BROTHELS, TRAFFICKING IN PERSON, AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE SEX TRADE MUST BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE MISSION'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE. FAILURE TO REPORT SUCH ACTIVITIES IN A TIMELY MANNER SHOULD
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RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THE REGIONAL COMMAND STAFF.

-IMMEDIATE REPATRIATION OF ANY OFFICER CAUGHT IN AN OFF-LIMITS LOCATION. THERE SHOULD BE NO APPEALS FOR OFFICERS CAUGHT ON SUCH PREMISES WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.
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