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RULES/GENERAL LAWS	
General	1. Constitution of Nepal 2. Army Act 2006
	3. UN declarations and policies, to which Nepal is a signatory, apply to the individuals of the Armed Forces deployed as a part of United Nations Peace Operations.
	Individuals having basic requirements of peacekeeping qualifications are eligible for participation. At unit level, standard requirements for UN peacekeeping are formulated (in which SEA verification, Discipline and Conduct verification and Human Rights violation verification are the most important), and the individual dossier is maintained at Unit/Formation and Army level. Any individual not falling under these requirements is not supposed to participate in UN peacekeeping missions. As per the request of UN Department of Peace Keeping Operations (DPKO), Nepalese Army initiates 'Note of Certification of Member State' in order to certify that the troops of the respective unit which is going to be deployed is not alleged to be involved in any case of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Human Rights or disciplinary misconduct.
SEA: military offence?	Yes, section 52 of the Army Act 2006 covers Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. The Nepalese Army strongly take offence against any type of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse allegation/case.
Powers of the Commanding Officer (CO)	The Commanding Officer is responsible for maintaining, enforcing and implementation of the Army Act 2006 . He also has the responsibility to enforce and implement UN rules and regulations.
	The Commanding Officer has disciplinary powers over all individuals under him that commits any action which is an offense under the Army Act 2006 , Nepal National Laws and UN policies. He can take disciplinary action against any of his military personnel under command if they breach or violate these rules.
INVESTIGATION	
Who can investigate?	National Investigation Officers, who are deployed with units (at least one in each company and two in each battalion). These officers have required investigative skills and knowledge to investigate Sexual Exploitation and Abuse allegations, and disciplinary cases in the field. National Investigation Officers are trained on particular subjects before their deployment to the mission.
National Investigation Officer (NIO)	National Investigation Officers are organic to the unit deployed.
PROSECUTION	
Referral	The National Investigation Officers refer the completed investigation to the Investigation and Prosecution Section of JAG department, Army Headquarters, military chain of command at Mission Head Quarter, and Conduct and Discipline Unit.
Who can charge?	The National Military Prosecutor.
JUSTICE	
Military justice	Yes, the Nepal Army has a Military Justice system.
Deployable Court Martial?	Yes, the Nepal Army has a Court Martial system.
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