



Procedure file

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Resolution on the involvement of UN forces in sexual abuse in Liberia and Haiti		
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Resolution on the involvement of UN forces in sexual abuse in Liberia and Haiti

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the involvement of UN forces in sexual abuse in Liberia and Haiti.

The resolution was tabled by the EPP-ED, PES, ALDE, Greens/EFA, GUE/NGL and UEN groups.

The Parliament expresses its profound shock at the odious crimes committed against children in Haiti and Liberia attributed to UN personnel, including the trading of sex for food. It condemns the acts of UN peacekeepers in Haiti and Liberia that have subjected children to rape and prostitution, flagrantly inconsistent with, and in betrayal of, the peacekeeping and humanitarian mission of the organisation itself.

The resolution calls on all Member States of the UN sending personnel on peacekeeping missions to follow up all claims of sexual abuse and exploitation, particularly those which concern minors, and to bring those individuals who have committed sexual abuse to court as quickly as possible. The UN Secretary-General is called upon to carry out further investigations into UN peacekeepers' and humanitarian aid workers' role in the sexual exploitation and abuse of children and vulnerable people in order to put in place an effective monitoring system and enforce the UN's policy of zero tolerance.

MEPs stress the difficulty faced by the United Nations with respect to disciplining troops guilty of sexual misconduct because of the fact that ultimate responsibility for training and disciplining troops remains the preserve of Member States. Therefore, they urge the countries concerned, therefore, to implement disciplinary procedures wherever possible. Moreover, they call on the UN to take all necessary steps to create a working environment that allows staff to report instances of abuse without fear of retaliation.

The Parliament welcomes the ambition to create a binding UN treaty on the prosecution of peacekeepers who commit sexual abuse. MEPs stress that such a treaty should also include policies preventing UN personnel charged with such abuse from being rehired, the setting up of a fund to assist victims of abuse, and measures to improve the training of UN personnel in respecting human rights.