

FINLAND

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RULES/GENERAL LAWS

General	Act on the participation of civilian personnel to crisis management (1359/2018) http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/ajantasa/2004/20041287?search%5Btype%5D=pika&search%5Bpika%5D=siviilihenki1%C3%B6iden%20osallistuminen	
	State Civil Servants' Act (750/1994) http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/ajantasa/1994/19940750?search%5Btype%5D=pika&search%5Bpika%5D=Valtion%2	
	Police Decree (1080/2013) http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/alkup/2013/20131080	
	Police Act (872/2011) https://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/alkup/2011/20110872	
	SEA: police offence?	All seconded experts (including police officers) are bound by the Code of Conduct of CMC Finland. The Code of Conduct includes a zero-tolerance policy towards SEA. Any secondees that is found to have violated the Code of Conduct can be withdrawn from the mission.
	Powers of the Commanding Officer (CO)	As part of deployments of Finnish experts, we do not nominate a Commanding Officer but a National Contingent Leader that is the focal point of the Finnish Contingent. The powers of a National Contingent Leader are merely administrative. Finnish experts deployed to UN Peace Operations are on duty in accordance with the policies of the Mission in question. In cases where Finnish police officers are deployed to UN Peace Operations to perform policing functions, they are subject to similar disciplinary and criminal procedures as Finnish police officers in national service.

INVESTIGATION

Who can investigate?	In cases where Finnish police officers are deployed to UN Peace Operations to perform policing functions, and they would come under reasonable doubt of having potentially breached Finnish legislation, the National Bureau of Investigation of Finland would investigate the allegations.
National Investigation Officer (NIO)	Finnish police personnel can be investigated by UN Police or other UN body. The National Contingent Leader must be informed in order to give information to the Finnish police authorities. Depending on the level of seriousness of the allegations, the Finnish police will consider whether NIO's shall be deployed for the purpose of investigation or not.

PROSECUTION

Referral	Criminal investigation and prosecution are carried out by a police investigator who immediately delivers the findings to the prosecutor.
Who can charge?	In cases where Finnish police officers are deployed to UN Peace Operations to perform policing functions, and should they come under reasonable doubt of having potentially breached Finnish legislation, the Finnish prosecution service would decide on bringing the charges.

JUSTICE

Police justice system	There is no separate justice system for civilian police personnel.
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