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The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Office's letter of 17 December 2015 and General Assembly resolution 70/114 of 14 December 2015.

With apologies for the delay, the Permanent Mission encloses information on UK legislation regarding criminal accountability of UK nationals serving as United Nations officials or experts on mission.

The United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations in New York avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of Legal Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.



United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations  
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## **UK information**



	<p>Sections 51, 52, 58, 59 of the International Criminal Court Act 2001</p>	<p>This Act provides the courts of England &amp; Wales and Northern Ireland with extra-territorial jurisdiction over UK nationals, UK residents or persons subject to UK service jurisdiction in respect of genocide etc committed outside the United Kingdom, including aiding and abetting, procuring, inciting or attempting to commit such crimes.</p>
	<p>International Criminal Court (Scotland) Act 2001  (See Sections 1 and 2, in particular)</p>	<p>This Act provides the courts of Scotland with extra-territorial jurisdiction over UK nationals or UK residents</p>



	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008/1769	This Act provides for extra-territorial jurisdiction in Northern Ireland in respect of acts done by UK nationals outside the UK, and by non-UK nationals resident in Northern Ireland if the acts would constitute a sexual offence if done in Northern Ireland.
	Common law offence defined by the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Act 1997 by reference to the international law of the sea United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982 Article 101	Universal jurisdiction.
	Section 2 2015	This provides for extra-territorial jurisdiction in England and Wales in respect of acts done by UK nationals outside the UK.
	Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015	This provides for extra-territorial jurisdiction in Northern Ireland in respect of acts done by UK nationals outside the UK.



	Section 42 of the Armed Forces Act 2006	This Act provides the courts of England & Wales with extra-territorial jurisdiction over persons subject to UK service law (which includes members of the UK armed forces) and civilians subject to UK service discipline in respect of acts done outside the United Kingdom which would constitute an offence under the law of England and Wales if it were done here.

Section 31 of the Criminal Justice Act 1948

This Act provides for jurisdiction and procedure in respect of certain indictable offences committed overseas by British subjects





