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**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS  
THAT ██████████ PEACEKEEPERS RELEASED SENSITIVE  
INFORMATION BY ENGAGING NON-UN PERSONNEL  
AS ██████████**

**REDACTED REPORT**

**ID Case No. 0697/06**

**31 MAY 2007**

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TO: [REDACTED]  
A: [REDACTED]

REFERENCE: [REDACTED]

THROUGH:  
S/C DE:

FROM: [REDACTED]  
DE: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Report of investigation into allegations that [REDACTED] released sensitive information by [REDACTED] non-UN personnel as [REDACTED]

OBJET: [REDACTED]

1. The Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (ID/OIOS) received, from the [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] information that [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] and based in [REDACTED] had cultivated a relationship with a [REDACTED] suspected of having links with the [REDACTED]. Moreover, that there was concern about the nature of the relationship between [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]. It was alleged that:

- a. [REDACTED] had utilized the [REDACTED] and others as [REDACTED] in their dealings with persons in the [REDACTED] area;
- b. the use of [REDACTED] at meetings between [REDACTED] and, amongst others, [REDACTED] personnel had the potential to compromise UN operations in the [REDACTED] region.

2. The ID/OIOS investigation of the allegations included, but was not limited to, the collection and analysis of available documents, the interview of the complainant, [REDACTED] and United Nations (UN) personnel. ID/OIOS was unable to locate for interview all those persons nominated by the complainant as having been co-opted by the [REDACTED] at various meetings.

3. ID/OIOS has concluded its investigation, which found:

- a. that following the [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], the security situation remained brittle for some months. That during this time there were many meetings between the [REDACTED] and, amongst others, [REDACTED] members of the [REDACTED] including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told ID/OIOS that [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] personnel to discuss the security environment. [REDACTED] personnel described, to ID/OIOS,

[redacted] and [redacted] as an important source of local intelligence and stated that [redacted] and [redacted] had assisted [redacted] to negotiate the [redacted] of [redacted] ID/OIOS established that [redacted] and [redacted] were responsible for the [redacted] and [redacted] of persons suspected of having committed serious crimes in [redacted] in the latter part of [redacted];

b. that, from time to time, [redacted] were used during these and other meetings between [redacted] and the [redacted] and others - [redacted] reported this as having occurred on a small number of occasions. [redacted] utilized by [redacted] included a local [redacted], the [redacted] and a [redacted]. [redacted] told ID/OIOS that the [redacted] was an [redacted] with the [redacted] and that, from time to time, [redacted] had been used to [redacted] at meetings had with [redacted]

c. no evidence to suggest that the use of the [redacted] as an [redacted] compromised UN operations in the [redacted] area;

d. no evidence to suggest that the [redacted] was used to [redacted] meetings between [redacted] and anyone else but [redacted] of the [redacted]

e. that, as of [redacted] there were [redacted] employed by [redacted] in the [redacted] area, most of whom were attached to local [redacted] including the [redacted] to [redacted]. That despite the [redacted] of these [redacted] some [redacted] may have been [redacted] as [redacted] on an *ad hoc* basis in exchange for small amounts of money or [redacted]. That [redacted] equated such informal [redacted] practice to the use of daily [redacted] by the [redacted] to perform [redacted] duties at the [redacted]

4. During the course of the investigation, ID/OIOS was told that:

a. [redacted] for [redacted] [redacted] positions undergo probity checks prior to selection. That these checks include a requirement that [redacted] submit detailed background information and references from two [redacted]. Moreover, that the [redacted]'s details are also provided to [redacted] sources in order to obtain additional background information. ID/OIOS considers that [redacted] are unlikely to have the capacity to conduct such probity checks before [redacted]

b. there is no specific [redacted] instruction preventing the [redacted] and use of [redacted] by [redacted]. Though ID/OIOS did not uncover any evidence to suggest that the use of [redacted] compromised UN operations, ID/OIOS considers that such potential exits. Accordingly, ID/OIOS recommends that the [redacted] and [redacted] review the issue and consider promulgating an administrative instruction providing guidance to all classes of UN personnel on the appropriate [redacted] and use of [redacted] in the [redacted]

5. Your response, by [REDACTED] to this report would be greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at [REDACTED]

6. Thank you and best regards.

cc.

[REDACTED]