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United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission (UNCMAC): Nomination,
Accreditation and Participation in UNCMAC and the UNCMAC Advisory Group

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Summary. To establish policies and procedures for the accreditation and assignment of members to the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission (UNCMAC) and the UNCMAC Advisory Group.

Summary of Change. This document updates the previous regulation, and a full review of its content is required.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all members of UNCMAC, UNCMAC Advisory Group and Liaison Officers from the United Nations Command (UNC) Member States.

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1. Purpose

This regulation establishes policies and procedures for the nomination, accreditation and assignment of members to the United Nations Command component of the Military Armistice Commission (UNCMAC) and the UNCMAC Advisory Group.

2. References

- a. Korean Armistice Agreement, 27 July 1953.
- b. Subsequent Agreement on Tentative Rules of Procedures of the Military Armistice Commission (MAC), 8 August 1953.
- c. UNC Regulation 600-2, Accreditation of Personnel to UNC.
- d. UNC Regulation 551-4, Compliance with the Korean Armistice Agreement.

3. Explanation of Abbreviations

Abbreviations used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

4. Responsibilities

- a. UNCMAC Senior Member is an O-8 military officer who is appointed by the UNC Commander to lead UNCMAC and serve as the Commander's principal advisor for Armistice Affairs.
- b. UNCMAC Secretary is an O-6 or O-7 military officer who is appointed by the UNC Commander to lead the UNCMAC Secretariat and serve as the UNC Commander's special assistant for Armistice Affairs. UNCMAC Secretary informs the Korean People's Army (KPA) and Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission of UNCMAC personnel changes.
- c. UNCMAC Secretariat is the executive organ of UNCMAC and is responsible for Armistice negotiations and implementation to include inspections, investigations, observations, and education of units in Armistice adherence activities; and authorization of all access into the Demilitarized Zone and crossings of the Military Demarcation Line.

5. Background

- a. The Armistice Agreement established the Military Armistice Commission (MAC) as a joint commission with ten senior officers, five of whom are appointed by the UNC Commander, and five of whom are appointed collectively by the Commanders of the KPA and Chinese People's Volunteers. Accordingly, three members from each component are officers of general or flag rank and two members are military officers in the equivalent ranks of major general, brigadier general, or colonel. Each side also appoints a senior officer as Secretary of the Secretariat.
- b. Since 1991 the UNC Commander has continuously appointed major generals from the Republic of Korea (ROK) to serve as UNCMAC Senior Members; prior to this, the UNC Commander had appointed general or flag officers from the United States (U.S.) to this position. In addition to the ROK 2-star senior member, the UNC Commander has continuously appointed three permanent members of the Commission from the U.S., ROK and United Kingdom (UK); and a Rotating Member, in the equivalent military rank of colonel, from UNC member states. The UNC Commander has continuously appointed a U.S. officer as UNCMAC Secretary.

6. Policy

a. UNCMAC Nomination, Accreditation and Participation.

(1) Senior Member: ROK Ministry of National Defense (MND) formally nominates a major general to serve as UNCMAC Senior Member. This officer is normally a member of the ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command (CFC) and concurrently serves as the CFC Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS) and the Chief of Staff, Ground Component Command.

(2) U.S. Member: United States Forces Korea (USFK) formally nominates a general officer to serve as UNCMAC Alternate Senior Member, UNC head delegate for UNC-KPA General Officer-level dialogues, and U.S. member to UNCMAC. This officer normally serves concurrently as the UNC/USFK DCS.

(3) ROK Member: ROK MND formally nominates a general officer to serve as the ROK member to UNCMAC.

(4) British Member: the British Embassy to the ROK nominates a brigadier, O-7 level military officer, in Korea to UNCMAC as the British Member. In the event that this position goes temporarily unfilled, the UNC Commander will appoint another officer to fill a temporary vacancy.

(5) Rotating Member: UNC member states with O-6 level military officers, who are accredited to the UNC as liaison officers, are eligible for nomination to serve as the Rotating Member. As the U.S., ROK, and UK hold permanent UNCMAC member positions, these countries are excluded from participating as a Rotating Member.

(6) UNCMAC Secretary: United States Forces Korea formally nominates an O-6 or O-7 military officer to serve as Secretary and lead the UNCMAC Secretariat.

(7) Accreditation: UNCMAC Secretariat prepares letters of accreditation and credentials for these six nominated members of UNCMAC, which are signed by the UNC Commander. The UNCMAC Secretariat will maintain a file copy of each accreditation and present credentials to the KPA Component of the MAC through MAC channels. The UNCMAC Secretary will inform the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission by letter of any changes in the composition of the UNCMAC.

(8) Participation: UNCMAC member status necessitates a commitment to sustained participation in the following events:

(a) UNC-KPA General Officer-level dialogues.

(b) UNCMAC Advisory Group meetings.

b. UNCMAC Advisory Group Composition, Accreditation and Participation.

(1) The UNCMAC Senior Member, Alternate Senior Member, or Secretary routinely convenes the UNCMAC Advisory Group, which serves as the UNC's advisory body on Armistice affairs. The UNCMAC Senior Member, Alternate Senior Member and the Secretary may consult members of the Advisory Group individually or collectively, as required.

(2) The UNCMAC Advisory Group is composed of the UNCMAC appointed members, UNC accredited military and civilian liaison officers (LNOs) from UNC member states, and the chief of

the ROK Advisory Group. Additional officers who are accredited to the UNC as an LNO for their countries may be accredited as an alternate member to the UNCMAC Advisory Group, when the primary member is unable to attend/participate. The ROK Advisory Group may nominate alternate members to serve in the absence of the primary member.

(3) Accreditation of members to the UNCMAC Advisory Group. A copy of the letter of accreditation for each chief and alternate liaison officers to the UNC is provided to the UNCMAC Secretary. This letter serves as basis for accreditation to the UNCMAC Advisory Group. The UNCMAC Secretariat prepares a letter of accreditation for each member and alternate member of the Advisory Group for signature by the UNCMAC Senior Member. The UNCMAC Secretariat will forward letters of accreditation directly to accredited individuals and will retain a copy on file.

(4) UNCMAC Advisory Group duties for UNC LNOs necessitates a commitment to routinely attend and/or participate in the following events:

- (a) UNCMAC Advisory Group meetings.
- (b) UNCMAC-KPA Secretaries and staff officer meetings.
- (c) UNCMAC-KPA Joint Observer Team investigations of actual or alleged Armistice violations.
- (d) UNCMAC Special Investigations of actual or alleged Armistice violations.
- (e) UNC guard and observation posts inspections.
- (f) H-128 "right-to-flight" missions.
- (g) UNCMAC-KPA repatriation ceremonies.
- (h) Departure ceremonies for UNC Korean War remains.

Appendix A
Countries that Aided the Republic of Korea during the Korean War

<u>Countries</u>	A*	B*	C*	D*
Australia	+	+	+	+
Belgium	+		+	+
Canada	+	+	+	+
Colombia	+		+	+
Denmark			+	+
Ethiopia	+			
France	+	+	+	+
Greece	+		+	+
India				
Italy	+	+	+	+
Korea (Republic of)	+		+	+
Luxembourg	+			
Netherlands	+		+	+
New Zealand	+	+	+	+
Norway			+	+
Philippines	+	+	+	+
South Africa (Republic of)	+	+	+	+
Sweden				
Thailand	+	+	+	+
Turkey	+	+	+	+
United Kingdom	+	+	+	+
United States	+	+	+	+

*NOTE: A - Contributed combat forces.

B - Countries eligible to maintain a Liaison Group in Japan having signed the Agreement Regarding the Status of United Nations Forces in Japan. The U.S. is eligible under the provisions of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the U.S. and Japan.

C - Countries currently maintaining a Liaison Group to the UNC.

D - Countries currently participating in the UNCMAC Advisory Group.

Appendix B Historical Background

B-1. Shortly before the signing of the Armistice Agreement in Korea on 27 July 1953, the UNC Commander invited the Republic of Korea Government and the Senior Liaison Officer of the UN member nations which, in addition to the U.S., furnished combat forces to the UNC, to name one officer, in the grade between a first lieutenant and a colonel (inclusive), to serve with the Advisory Group to the UNCMAC.

B-2. The Advisory Group to UNCMAC has continued as an active body, since the signing of the Armistice Agreement. It currently consists of representatives from all 18 participating UNC Member States.

Glossary
Abbreviations

CFC	Combined Forces Command
DCS	Deputy Chief of Staff
KPA	Korean People's Army
LNO	Liaison Officer
MAC	Military Armistice Commission
MND	Ministry of National Defense
ROK	Republic of Korea
UNC	United Nations Command
UNCMAC	United Nations Command component of the Military Armistice Commission
UK	United Kingdom
U.S.	United States
USFK	United States Forces Korea