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Organization and Functions

**ORGANIZATION AND MISSION OF THE U.S.-ROK JOINT COMMITTEE**

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**SUPPLEMENTATION.** Issue of further supplements to this regulation by subordinate commands is prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from HQ USFK, ATTN: FKDC-SA, APO 96301-0010.

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**1. PURPOSE.** This regulation prescribes procedures and responsibilities governing the United States participation in the U.S.-ROK Joint Committee, under the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), article XXVIII, hereinafter referred to in this regulation as the Joint Committee.

**2. APPLICABILITY.** This regulation applies to all commands of Headquarters (HQ), United States Forces, Korea (USFK), and other personnel or agencies of the U.S. Armed Forces present in the Republic of Korea (ROK), except the military advisory groups and military personnel attached to the American Embassy.

**3. REFERENCES.**

a. Required publication. U.S.-ROK Status of Forces Agreement. Cited in paragraphs 1, 5, 6, and A-5.

b. Related publication. USFK Reg 527-1 (Organization and Mission of the United States Component of Subcommittees Established by the United States-Republic of Korea Joint Committee).

**4. RESPONSIBILITIES.**

a. The Joint Committee is composed of one U.S. representative and one ROK representative. Each representative is assisted by a staff. The U.S. Joint Committee representative is the Deputy Commander, USFK. The U.S. representative is responsible to and receives policy guidance from the American Ambassador.

b. The U.S. Joint Committee representative will be assisted in the work of the Joint Committee by the following personnel:

(1) An alternate U.S. representative who serves concurrently as the United States Air Forces Korea representative and is the Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander, USFK.

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\*This regulation supersedes USFK Reg 527-2, 30 October 1987.

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(2) A United States Army Forces Korea representative who serves concurrently as the U.S. chairman of the Criminal Jurisdiction Subcommittee of the Joint Committee and is the Judge Advocate, USFK.

(3) A United States Naval Forces Korea representative who is the Chief of Staff, United States Naval Forces Korea.

(4) An American Embassy representative who is appointed by the American Ambassador.

(5) The U.S. Joint Committee Secretary, assisted by the Alternate and Assistant U.S. Secretaries in the Office of the Special Assistant to the Deputy Commander, USFK.

c. The Joint Committee has established subcommittees to advise and make recommendations to the Joint Committee on technical matters referred to them by the Joint Committee.

d. Component commanders are responsible for supporting the provisions of this regulation.

e. The U.S. representative and USFK members of the Joint Committee may obtain advice from American Embassy officers. Liaison will be maintained between the American Embassy and the U.S. Joint Committee Secretary.

f. The persons listed in subparagraph b above will attend Joint Committee meetings. The U.S. co-chairmen of subcommittees may be required to attend Joint Committee meetings when directed by the U.S. representative.

**5. POLICY.** The Joint Committee is established under the SOFA article XXVIII and will be utilized as the means of consultation between the U.S. and the ROK on all matters regarding the implementation of the U.S.-ROK SOFA except telecommunications matters, which will continue to be resolved directly between designated communications authorities of the two Governments. Any problems regarding implementation of the U.S.-ROK SOFA will be brought before the Joint Committee through the appropriate channels of the respective Governments. If the Joint Committee is unable to resolve any matter, it will be referred, through channels, to the respective Governments for further consideration.

**6. PROCEDURES.** The SOFA Joint Committee determines its own procedures as agreed between the two Governments under SOFA article XXVIII. A summary of the agreed procedures, approved by the Joint Committee on 9 February 1967, is at appendix A. Component commands and staff agencies may submit issues for Joint Committee consideration through their respective command channels to the Office of the Special Assistant to the Deputy Commander, USFK, ATTN: OC-SA, APO 96301-0010.

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Appendix  
A. Summary of Procedures for Operation  
of the Joint Committee

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**APPENDIX A**

**SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES FOR OPERATION  
OF  
THE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**A-1.** The Joint Committee holds regularly scheduled meetings at times and locations mutually agreed on by the Joint Committee representatives. Either the U.S. or ROK representative may, however, call additional sessions of the joint Committee at any time.

**A-2.** The chairmanship of Joint Committee meetings rotates between the ROK and U.S. representatives. When the ROK representative presides, the meeting is held in a ROK Government conference room; when the U.S. representative presides, it is held in a USFK conference room.

**A-3.** The ROK Government is responsible for maintaining the official index of Joint Committee actions and agreements. The U.S. component of the Joint Committee is responsible for preparing the minutes of the official Joint Committee meetings, for coordinating those minutes with the ROK component to obtain joint U.S.-ROK approval of the minutes, and for their publication.

**A-4.** The official minutes of the Joint Committee meetings are considered official documents pertaining to both Governments and are not releasable without mutual agreement. In addition, no press release will be issued following a Joint Committee meeting or any other action of the Joint Committee without mutual agreement.

**A-5.** The Joint Committee procedures possess the flexibility necessary for effective functioning of the Joint Committee in implementing the U.S.-ROK SOFA. By mutual agreement of the U.S. and ROK Representatives, provisions have been made for Joint Committee exigent actions to be accomplished without a formal Joint Committee meeting. Such emergency actions will later be recorded in the official minutes of a Joint Committee meeting.