

# SAMPLE

## CHILD PROTECTION POCKET CARD

### CHILD PROTECTION

- **A child is anyone under the age of 18 years.**

|  |
|--|
| <b>PLAN</b> to prevent violations and mitigate risks to children   |
| <b>ACT</b> if a child is at risk of death or serious harm  |
| <b>ALERT</b> your Headquarters, Child Protection staff, and child protection partners to all threats to children |
| <b>PROTECT</b> children from further harm  |

- **REPORT Six Grave Violations IMMEDIATELY :**
  - **S**exual violence against children
  - **H**umanitarian access denied
  - **A**bduction of children
  - **R**ecruitment and use of children
  - **K**illing and maiming of children
  - **S**chools and hospitals attacked

[WHAT, WHO, WHERE, WHEN, WHY, HOW]

Always bear in mind

**THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD**

and

**DO NO HARM**

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| <b>DO</b> | <b>DON'T</b> |
|-----------|--------------|

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Report all grave violations and misconduct   | Forget to transfer the information to civilian Child Protection staff               |
| Provide protection to children when asked, assist children when captured/surrendered | Turn children away; or handover children to host State forces without authorisation |
| Take note of details of observed violations to inform your chain of command          | Interview or interrogate children (other than asking for basic information)         |
| Respect the confidentiality of the child   | Take photographs of children / survivors of violations                              |
| Provide medical aid when asked / needed  | Separate children from their parents  |
| Consider the possible consequences of your actions on the child                      | Engage in activities that may place children at risk                                |
| Take advice from the battalion Child Protection Focal Point                          | Neglect to share information with child protection actors                           |

- **Your own behaviour:**
  - DON'T** employ children to provide any services or labour
  - DON'T** give money, food or products to children
  - DON'T** casually spend time or interact with local children
  - DON'T** have any sexual contact with children