(a) “civilian personnel” means for the Sending State the members of the Civilian Component and for the Receiving State the civilian officials of the Receiving State who are employed by or in the service of the Force of the Receiving State, but does not include contractors engaged by, or on behalf of, that Force; and

(b) “gross negligence” refers to a serious disregard of an obvious risk.

Article XXIV
ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS

1. In the event that a Party receives notice of any accidents or incidents, that Party shall inform the other Party as soon as practicable. The accidents or incidents to be notified shall be mutually determined in advance by the Parties.

2. The Parties shall establish procedures, consistent with their respective domestic requirements, for the conduct of necessary administrative investigations in cooperation with each other, relating to any accident or incident in the Receiving State involving Official Vehicles, or vessels or aircraft owned by the Sending State or for the exclusive use or service of the Visiting Force and the Civilian Component.

Article XXV
MORTUARY AFFAIRS

1. Each Party shall notify without delay the other Party of the death of any member of the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component in the Receiving State. The Receiving State shall endeavor to ensure that the identity of the deceased is not publicly disclosed without providing reasonable prior notification to the Sending State.

2. The Parties shall establish procedures for all other mortuary affairs matters including, but not limited to, the identification, processing, repatriation and disposal of the remains of a deceased member of the Visiting Force or of the Civilian Component and of his or her associated personal effects.

Article XXVI
ABUSE OF PRIVILEGES

The Parties shall cooperate in preventing any abuse or misuse of the privileges granted in favor of, and in ensuring proper discharge of the obligations imposed in this Agreement on, the members of the Visiting Force and the Civilian Component.

Article XXVII
JOINT COMMITTEE

1. A Joint Committee shall be established as a means for consultation between the Parties on all matters requiring mutual consultation regarding the implementation of this Agreement.

2. The Joint Committee shall determine its own procedures. It may establish working groups to deal with specific issues.

3. The Joint Committee shall meet regularly and as necessary upon the request of either Party.

4. The Joint Committee shall be co-chaired by a representative of each Party.

5. If it is not possible for the Joint Committee to resolve a matter, it shall refer that matter to the Governments of the respective Parties for further consideration through diplomatic channels.

6. The Parties may make arrangements following consultation between the Parties through the Joint Committee to implement this Agreement.

Article XXVIII
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Unless otherwise mutually determined by the Parties, any dispute regarding the interpretation or the implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved solely by consultation and negotiation between the Parties.