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## REDEEMING PEACEKEEPING: USING THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE U.S. MILITARY BAN ON PROSTITUTION PATRONAGE

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### I. Introduction

At the beginning of 2005, roughly 250,000 American troops were deployed in almost 130 nations worldwide; if servicemembers stationed at permanent overseas garrisons in Germany, Japan, and elsewhere were added, the number of personnel abroad was on the order of 350,000.<sup>1</sup> An important benefit of having those troops forward-deployed is that they create a favorable impression of the United States through their commendable behavior. Activities such as patronage of prostitutes and establishments that facilitate human trafficking are detrimental to that image. While the frequency of military prostitution patronage might be gauged from the number and proximity of brothels in the area of a military base, the Department of Defense (DoD) recently criminalized prostitution patronage as an offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). The new policy was a step taken to reduce the demand for victims of human trafficking in accordance with international treaty commitments, and to avoid the embarrassing scandal of U.S. troops

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<sup>1</sup> See *Where Are the Legions, Global Deployments of US Forces*, GlobalSecurity.org, <http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/ops/global-deployments.htm> (last visited Mar. 10, 2009).