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BEDC engages mainly private security outfit to safeguard its staff and facilities. However, in some unavoidable circumstances, the use of armed security personnel is inevitable. In using armed security personnel, BEDC is committed to engage them in accordance to the requirements of United Nation's (UN) Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials. and UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials.

All armed security officers contracted by BEDC shall be certified and well-trained law enforcement officers of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

To achieve these objectives:

1. Firearms and ammunition use by the contracted security personnel will be licensed, recorded, stored securely, marked and disposed of appropriately;
2. Security personnel are prohibited from firing any warning shots under any circumstances without due approval process from BEDC top management and government authority;
3. Security personnel are prohibited from firing into crowds;
4. Security personnel are prohibited from firing into buildings, through doors, windows or other openings;
5. Security personnel are permitted to use force only as a matter of last resort and only for preventive and defensive purposes in proportion to the nature and extent of the threat, and in a manner that respects human rights;
6. Security personnel are instructed to exercise restraint and caution, clearly prioritizing prevention of injuries or fatalities and peaceful resolution of disputes;
7. Security personnel are instructed to minimize damage and injury, and respect and preserve human life when the use of force is unavoidable;
8. Security personnel are instructed to immediately take injured persons as a result of the use of force to medical facilities for medical attention;
9. BEDC shall report the use of force to the relevant law enforcement agency and internally investigate the incident;
10. In cases where abusive use of force and firearms by any security personnel is established, BEDC shall report and recommend a criminal case be instituted against the personnel by law enforcement authority