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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, my delegation would like to express our appreciation for his report (A/67/1215, "Criminal Accountability of the United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission."

Criminal Accountability is a vital element of the Rule of Law. The Republic of Korea is convinced that bringing to justice those who committed a crime is a key element in the fight against impunity. If such serious violations are not prosecuted through an appropriate procedure, the United Nations may be perceived as having improperly use immunities for their private benefit. The recurring abuses could bring about serious damage to the authority and integrity of the United Nations.

In this context, my delegation would like to state with appreciation that the Office of Legal Affairs referred the case (S/17/11) to the Security Council. We hope that the Security Council will consider possible prosecution. My delegation would like to emphasize that the States of nationality should take necessary steps forward, including the cooperation with the Security Council.

