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I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Non-Aligned Movement takes note of the three Reports of the secretary general contained in

The Non-Aligned Movement expresses its appreciation for the outstanding contributions and sacrifices of U.N. peacekeepers. The Movement stresses, however, that all UN peacekeeping personnel should continue to perform their duties in a manner that preserves the image, credibility, impartiality, and

integrity of the United Nations. The NAM emphasizes the importance of maintaining a policy of zero tolerance in addressing all cases of sexual exploitation and abuse committed by peacekeeping personnel.

The Non-Aligned Movement takes note of the work undertaken by the Ad Hoc Committee in the framework of a working group on the criminal accountability of the United Nations officials and experts on mission during its three sessions held in 2007, 2008 and 2012. It is more than one decade that the topic Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission was put on the agenda of the

need for further measures by the General Assembly. The Movement notes that important policy and remedial measures have been agreed but still need to be implemented. We continue to believe that progress in short term measures is also needed.

The Non-Aligned Movement reiterates its concern with respect to all alleged crimes on the part of United Nations officials and experts on mission, including allegations of corruption and other financial crimes, and in that regard welcomes the reaffirmation by the Secretary-General that there will be no tolerance for any corruption at the United Nations; the movement Urges the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that his zero-tolerance policy for criminal activities, such as sexual exploitation and abuse and corruption, is made known to all United Nations officials and experts on mission at all levels, especially those in managerial positions;

We strongly urge States to take all appropriate measures to ensure that alleged crimes by United

Nations officials and experts on mission do not go unpunished and that the perpetrators of such crimes are brought to justice