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Criminal Accountability of UN Officials and Experts on Mission

I have the honour today of speaking on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and

UN Officials and experts on mission play an important role in creating the conditions for lasting peace. Every day, tens of thousands of

are engaged in maintaining peace and security, delivering humanitarian assistance and

personnel have been reported. We urge the UN to ensure that all of these allegations are investigated in an impartial, thorough, and timely manner, and to ensure that substantiated cases are appropriately dealt with, whether through disciplinary measures or through referral to home states.

We also continue to encourage the UN to undertake analysis of the cases, to better understand the dynamics giving rise to these crimes.

It is also useful to have the updated table of national provisions regarding Member States'

establishment of jurisdiction over their nationals for relevant criminal offences. In this regard, we thank the Secretary General for the latest update of the table as of June 2019. We would encourage all Member States to contribute to this table to provide clarity on where jurisdiction can be established and where gaps remain.

CANZ is acutely aware that all Member States need to do more to address the criminal

jurisdiction over their nationals participating in UN operations abroad. We

In closing, let us reiterate our unwavering support to the zero-tolerance policy of the Secretary General. No one, including UN officials and experts on mission, who are the "face" of the United Nations to the world, should be above or outside the law.