

Statement by
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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 two Reports of the secretary general, contained in document A/74/142 and A/74/145 on implementation of General Assembly Resolution, 73/196 which collects particularly information received from governments on the extent to which jurisdiction is established under their national laws over crimes of a serious nature, whenever they serve as United Nations officials or experts on mission.

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

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to guaranteeing due process with respect to investigations of acts of sexual exploitation and abuse. Moreover, the development of harmonized United Nations standards of investigation of crimes allegedly committed by United Nations officials and expert on mission can be critical to strengthening the United Nations system of accountability.

We encourage member states to exercise their jurisdiction in applicable cases in order to ensure that criminal acts do not go unpunished. It is crucial that the state of nationality acts in a timely manner to investigate and prosecute alleged crimes. We also call upon all states to provide information to the United Nations on any such referrals. Subsequently, an assessment can be