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Mr. Chairman,

As this is the first time my delegation takes the floor at the 74th session of the Sixth Committee, I wish to congratulate you and the other Bureau members on your appointment and wish you all the success in guiding the work of this Committee.

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the European Union.

Allow me, at the outset, to thank the Secretary-General for his reports on the criminal accountability of UN officials and experts on mission. It is especially useful to have received an overview of relevant policies and procedures of the Secretariat, funds

programmes and other entities as well as specialized agencies and related

organizations regarding credible allegations that reveal that a crime may have been committed. With principal focus on the due investigation of allegations, protection of victims' rights and the need for legal certainty, we endorse the recommendation of the

~~Mr. Chairman~~

Slovakia wishes to appreciate the work of the UN Office of Legal Affairs in the exchange of information and the facilitation of a criminal investigation. In particular, we commend the cooperation provided to the Slovak authorities in relation to a

Even though the defendant did not enjoy the status of UN official or expert on mission, as was eventually confirmed, the response from the UN Office of Legal Affairs was timely and comprehensive. It is in this context that we would like to further encourage the United Nations to continue providing the required cooperation