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experts on mission is relevant to Malaysia as both the sending country and the receiving country.

3. Malaysia fully supports the zero-tolerance policy of the United Nations concerning criminal conduct, especially of sexual exploitation and abuse, committed by United Nations officials and experts while on mission. We note with concern from the Secretary-General's report that little to no information have been provided to the United Nations by the sending State regarding the investigation or prosecutions undertaken for 219 serious criminal offences that have allegedly been committed since 2007.

4. As the list of referred cases lengthened and States failed to provide the necessary information on follow-up, the pressure on the United Nations and its Member States to address the problem increases. In this regard, Malaysia strongly encourages States that had not provided the required information regarding those cases to do so. Member States have a primary responsibility for establishing jurisdiction for crimes committed by their nationals while serving on United Nations missions.

Mr. Chair,

5. Malaysia is a stalwart supporter of the United Nations' central role in the maintenance of international peace and security. As a sign of this commitment, Malaysia has participated in over 34 United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, involving more than 35,000 military personnel and about 1,000 civilian police personnel since 1960. In keeping abreast with new scope and dimension of peacekeeping operations, the Malaysian Peacekeeping Centre established in 1996 continues to adapt to meet new standards and conduct of present day peacekeeping operations.

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investigating allegations and prosecuting the alleged offenders, including by exercising their jurisdiction.

Thank you.