



Brazil expresses its serious concern over the instances of sexual violence, exploitation and abuse in peacekeeping operations reported by the Secretary General. It reiterates its support to the zero tolerance policy in the cases of sexual exploitation, abuse and other criminal conducts, while stressing the need for the strict observance of the rule of law.

Preventive and repressive measures should be combined to forestall these violations. It is particularly relevant to ensure that victims of crimes committed by UN officials and experts on mission receive adequate support and protection.

Brazil is proud of the overall track record of its peacekeepers in more than seventy years serving under the UN flag, and we have strict protocols in place to deal with any possible misconduct, including, if necessary, the criminal accountability of alleged perpetrators.

In conclusion, Brazil reiterates its steadfast support to measures aimed at fighting impunity for serious crimes, including those committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission. Ensuring that credible allegations are properly investigated, perpetrators are brought to justice and victims find justice and