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Thank you, Mr./Madam Chair,

At the outset, my delegation would like to express our appreciation to the Secretary-General for his reports (A/76/205, 208) on "Criminal Accountability of the United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission," which provide a solid basis for our discussions. Furthermore, we commend the Secretary-General recommendation that Member States should encourage the legislative bodies of the UN system to ensure the coherence and coordination of policies and procedures for the reporting, investigation, referral, and follow-up of credible criminal allegations relating to UN officials or experts on mission.

While my delegation recognizes the valuable contribution of UN officials and experts to the fulfillment of the mandate of the UN, we firmly believe that any criminal activity by persons abusing their status as UN officials or experts

seriously jeopardize the operations of the missions as they are likely to discourage the local authorities and populations from cooperating with the UN.

As such, crimes committed by UN

personnel.

Lastly, my delegation is of the view that it is time to renew our collective resolve to ensure criminal accountability and ultimately prevent all crimes by the United Nations officials and experts on mission. We look forward to continued engagement on this important topic.

Thank you.