

Furthermore, we support the Secretary-General's recommendation that Member States should continue to encourage the distinct legislative bodies of the UN system and related organizations to help to ensure the coherence and coordination of policies and procedures relating to the reporting, investigation, referral and follow-up of credible allegations revealing that a crime may have been committed by personnel of such agencies and organizations who fall outside the scope of the General Assembly resolutions, with policies and procedures related to UN officials and experts on mission.

While my delegation commends the invaluable contribution of UN officials and experts towards 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 and their privileges and immunities simply cannot be tolerated.

Such activities not only tarnish the reputation and credibility of the UN, but could also seriously jeopardize the operations of the missions as they are likely to discourage the local authorities

and communities from cooperating with the UN.

As such, crimes committed by UN officials and experts should not go unpunished. The State

for his efforts to strengthen existing measures through technical enhancement, including the use of the ClearCheck database to record sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment.

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 UN officials and experts on mission. We look forward to continued engagement on this important topic.

Thank you. /End/