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On behalf of the Non

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Non-Aligned Movement takes note of the Report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/77/237 on the implementation of General Secretariat, funds

, programmes and other entities regarding credible allegations that reveal a crime which may have been committed by United Nations officials or experts on mission as well as recommendations help ensure that such policies and procedures are coherent, systematic and coordinated throughout the United Nations system.

Particularly, we take note of the recommendation that the United Nations system entities should continue to utilize their internal networks to measure the adequacy of their existing policies and procedures to identify potential disparities as well as to promote enhanced cooperation on crosscutting issues, such as financial recovery



The Non-Aligned Movement takes note of the work undertaken by the Ad Hoc Committee in the framework of the Working Group on the criminal accountability of the United Nations officials and experts on mission over the course of its three sessions held in 2007, 2008 and 2012. The topic of the Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission was placed on the agenda of the Sixth Committee a decade ago and the UN has taken important as well as timely steps since. However, there is still a long way until an ideal situation is actualized.

The NAM underlines the need to enhance international cooperation to ensure the criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on missions. We urge the United Nations to continue cooperating with States exercising jurisdiction in order to provide them with information and material for purposes of criminal proceedings initiated by States within the framework of the relevant rules of international law and agreements governing the activities of the United Nations.

In this sense, we take note of the comprehensive strategy on assistance and support for victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations staff and related personnel, which was adopted by General Assembly Resolution 62/214. This strategy will help mitigate the suffering of victims of sexual exploitation and abuse as well as offer social support, legal services and medical attention, among other things.

It is also important that the victims of criminal conduct perpetrated by United Nations officials and experts on mission are made aware of available victim support programs.

We also believe that the full implementation by all Member States of General Assembly Resolution 76/106 as well as previous General Assembly resolutions adopted pertaining to the Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission could contribute to bridging any jurisdictional gaps, if they exist, and will strengthen accountability mechanisms as well as contribute to guaranteeing due process with respect to investigations of sexual exploitation and abuse. Moreover, the development of harmonized United Nations standards of investigation of crimes allegedly committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission can be critical to strengthening the United Nations system of accountability overall.

We encourage Member States to exercise their jurisdiction in applicable cases in order to ensure that criminal acts do not go unpunished. It is crucial that the state of nationality acts in a timely manner to investigate and prosecute the alleged crimes. We also call upon all states to provide information to the United Nations on any such referrals. Subsequently, an assessment can be undertaken to explore if there is any need for further measures to be carried out by the General Assembly.

