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“CRIMINAL LIABILITY OF UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS
AND EXPERTS ON MISSION”

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Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation expresses deep concern over the criminal accountability of United Nations officials and reports on mission in document A/77/227.

Ethiopia, along with representatives of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the African Union, the Movement and Nigeria on behalf of the African Union, respectively, and would like to make the following remarks in our national capacity.

Mr. Chairperson,

Ethiopia strongly condemns the substantiated criminal allegations committed by the United Nations officials and especially the allegation on sexual

Ethiopia, being one of the largest contributors to UN peacekeeping mission, has a seat to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and several other regional organizations and agencies. It bears a responsibility to ensure the criminal accountability of its personnel. However, in the hands of a great number of UN personnel who are under the jurisdiction of our law enforcement organs and other, we bear a similar immunity to other host countries.

When it comes to Ethiopian personnel under the African Union, peacekeeping those deployed under the blue helmet, Ethiopia is also concerned about the misconduct. We call for a strict jurisdiction over crimes committed by Ethiopian personnel in places where they enjoy immunity. It is our firm belief that the United Nations should

committed.

We also would like to underscore

evidence and
taken by countries.

Mr. Chairperson,

Rule of law, on diplomatic privilege and

the credibility of United Nations

Secretary-General's report on measures undertaken

and related

accountability of their officials and

note in the Secretary-General report of measures to strengthen the conference and

coordination of policies and procedures in the UN

are all encouraging. While recognizing the

to flag the urgent

mechanisms against favour

political objectives, open violation of the duty to

impartiality, undue political

and social

and abuse and other

Regarding mitigating grave offenses, the importance of establishing

mechanism is critical contributing states of peacekeeping troops

Nations have a major role in making sure the personnel and officials have the

necessary training and personnel that helps their role as protectors and role

models. To this end, we need to

place is effectively

Mr. Chairperson

We see a great need for the UN and accountability mechanisms. Furthermore, the UN needs to strengthen its protection for whistle-blowers and to encourage judicial independence. Self-initiated evaluation of UN and accountability mechanisms within the UN is a valid body of work which requires the requisite information provided under the UNCA.

Mr.

Finally, I would like to reiterate the importance of holding United Nations and host countries of UN agencies, in order to order officials who violate their honorable responsibilities and the law. Countries are held accountable for their actions and will not make the necessary effort to ensure the accountability of UN officials and is committed to make the necessary effort to make the zero tolerance policy of the United Nations achieve its objective.

I thank you.