





Madam/Mr. Chair,

We align ourselves with the statement given by the European Union on behalf of the EU and its Member States. In addition, the Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to make the following observations.

Let me start by thanking the Secretary-General for his reports on the criminal accountability of United NfirN

addition, I would like to highlight the importance of creating a safe environment for more women to take part in missions and how this in its turn contributes to the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.

First, prevention of and zero-tolerance for sexual exploitation and abuse is important considering UN Peacekeepers are on mission to protect the most vulnerable. However, sadly, sexual exploitation and abuse of those who UN Peacekeepers are meant to protect continues to take place. Therefore, addressing

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themselves and for the overall credibility, impartiality, and integrity of the United Nations. It goes without saying that this applies to all UN officials and experts on mission

The Kingdom of the Netherlands itself has a zero-tolerance for inaction policy, we expect that everything is done to prevent and adequately address sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment. The Kingdom of the Netherlands further fully supports the UN's zero-tolerance policy for misconduct for crimes committed by UN officials and experts on mission.

Thank you, Madam/Mr. Chair