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Coordinator on Improving the United Nations Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse into a full-time one at the level of Under-Secretary-General in September 2022 was a decisive step to strengthen UN responses to allegations of such nature.

In light of repeated incidents, it is clear that we need to do much more, as members of the international community, to collectively combat impunity associated with such crimes. As in previous years, we have been made aware of allegations of sexual abuse and excessive use of force by some peacekeepers.

Mr. Chair,

The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States takes note, in particular, of the information prepared by the Secretariat contained in Section IV of the report *A/78/248* issued under the current agenda item, regarding the Cooperation between States and with the United Nations in the exchange of information and the facilitation of investigations and prosecutions, and protection of victims and witnesses in this process. CELAC reiterates the importance we attach to receiving continuous information from the Secretariat on statistics about substantiated allegations. We believe that improving on the reporting practice will always benefit our understanding of this problem so that we can address it properly.

In this regard, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States requests the Secretariat to continue its efforts to improve the quality of the information and ensure its

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the need for the observance of the rule of law for its implementation. We are at a critical juncture where more is expected of the United Nations, particularly as it relates to set