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UN system organizations). With respect to peacekeeping operations, the increase in allegations is primarily attributable to MINUSCA, although increases were also seen

4. The report provides an update on the Secretariat's efforts to implement the more than forty measures set out in the last Special Measures report, and puts forward robust, new initiatives which build on existing efforts to further strengthen measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse in the areas of prevention, transparency, accountability, risk management, and remedial action.

5. As indicated in last year's report on Special measures for protection from

7. In the area of prevention, improvements have been made on vetting large numbers of uniformed personnel to avoid re-engaging the services of individuals

who have a history of prior missions but while in service with the United Nations.

committed by nationals while in service with the United Nations and, if necessary, to assess whether new legislative action is required, including allowing nationality-based extraterritorial jurisdiction. Member States are being requested to establish

on-site court martial proceedings for allegations which amount to sex crimes under national legislation in the case of military contingents. Member States are also being urged to agree to obtain DNA samples of members of their uniformed personnel who are alleged to have committed sexual exploitation and abuse.

10. In the area of risk management, mandatory risk mitigation measures will be implemented for missions considered to be at an increased risk of sexual

exploitation and abuse. This may include non-fraternization policies and an absolute

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates,

12. The Secretary-General has been clear that acts of sexual exploitation and abuse

undermine the values of the United Nations and the principle that we must do no harm to those we are entrusted with protecting. We can never accept protectors preying on the vulnerable populations. The Secretary-General continues to demonstrate his commitment to taking strong measures to prevent these acts by

United Nations personnel, ensure accountability and offer support to victims.

13. Thank you Mr. Chairman. My colleagues and I will be available to respond to any questions the Committee may have on the report.