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accordance with the highest possible standards – often at great risk to their
personal safety.
We also recognise, however, that the deplorable acts of a few call the
reputation, credibility, impartiality and integrity of the UN into question.

The failure, moreover, to hold those few to account for their crimes risks
tarnishing relations between the UN and the local population in the host
country. It risks failing those the UN is mandated to protect. And this in
turn risks undermining both the success of the operation and the UN’s wider
efforts to promote the rule of law, security, development and human rights.
For these reasons, CANZ is deeply concerned by both reports in the last year
of criminal conduct within UN missions, particularly allegations of sexual
exploitation and abuse, and the ongoing failure to close the impunity gap.
Mr/Madam Chair
We welcome the Secretary-General’s Report on this item and note that
during the reporting period, the Office of Legal Affairs referred 22 cases to
States of nationality for investigation and possible prosecution. We
welcome the Secretary-General’s advice as to the UN’s readiness to
cooperate with national law enforcement authorities. Separately, we
commend the Secretary-General for taking a strong stance against sexual
exploitation and abuse by peacekeepers.

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clear and comprehensive picture of the problem would be beneficial and
should be pursued alongside efforts in this Committee to address the
substantive legal questions.

CANZ is ready to consider afresh how we can ensure that the deplorable acts
of a few do not tarnish the vital work done by the balance of UN personnel.

Thank you.