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Mr. Chairman,
I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Non-Aligned Movement takes note of the Report contained in document A/70/208. As we have expressed on previous occasions, the Non-Aligned Movement attaches great importance to the issue of criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission, bearing in mind its significant contribution to the maintenance of international peace and security under the auspices of the United Nations. As we speak, NAM Countries contribute more than 80% of the peace-keeping personnel in the field. The NAM member Countries are the major recipients of these peace-keeping missions, at the same time.

The Non-Aligned Movement expresses its appreciation for the outstanding contributions and sacrifices ofU.N. peacekeepers. The Movement stresses, however, that all UN peacekeeping personnel should continue to perform their duties in a manner that preserves the image, credibility, impartiality, and integrity of the United Nations. The NAM emphasizes the importance of maintaining a policy of zero tolerance in addressing all cases of sexual exploitation and abuse committed by peacekeeping personnel.

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The Non-Aligned Movement looks forward to continuing the consideration in the
Sixth Committee of the Report by the Group of Legal Experts on ensuring the accountability of United Nations staff and experts on mission with respect to criminal acts committed in peacekeeping operations (Document A/60/980), established by the Secretary-General pursuant to the General Assembly Resolution 59/300.

We are satisfied with the outcome of the work in the Sixth Committee with regard
to international cooperation, which shall further enhance and ensure accountability within the Organization.

In this sense, we take note of the comprehensive strategy on assistance and support to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations staff and related personnel, which was adopted by the General Assembly resolution 62/214. This Strategy will help to mitigate the sufferings of the victims of sexual exploitation and abuse as well as offer social support, legal services and medical attention, among other things.

Likewise, the Non-Aligned Movement emphasizes the need to implement, without delay,

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