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

The Non-Aligned Movement takes note of the three Reports of the secretary general, contained in document A/72/205 , A/72/121 and A/72/126 on implementation of General Assembly Resolution 71/124, which collects, particularly information received

from governments on the extent to which jurisdiction is established under their national laws over crimes of a serious nature, cooperation among States and with the United

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.

We also believe that the full implementation by all Member States of General Assembly resolution 71/134 as well as previous General assembly resolutions adopted pertaining Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission could contribute to bridging any jurisdictional gaps, if they exist and will strengthen accountability mechanisms and contribute to guaranteeing due process with respect to investigations of acts of sexual exploitation and abuse.

We encourage member states to exercise their jurisdiction in applicable cases in order to ensure that criminal acts do not go unpunished. It is crucial that the state of nationality acts in a timely manner to investigate and prosecute alleged crimes. We also call upon all states to provide information to the United Nations on any such referrals. Subsequently, an assessment can be undertaken to explore if there is any need for further measures by the General Assembly. The Movement notes that important policy and

remedial measures have been agreed but still need to be implemented. We continue to believe that progress in short term measures is also needed.

The Non-Aligned Movement reiterates its concern with respect to all alleged crimes on the part of United Nations officials and experts on mission, including allegations of corruption and other financial crimes, and in that regard welcomes the