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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\*, Montenegro\*, Serbia\* and Albania\*, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA country, Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

The European Union and its Member States thank the Secretary-General for his reports on the criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission pursuant to resolution 72/112 and for his continued commitment to the fight against impunity for crimes committed by

all personnel serving under the UN flag.

We note that during the last reporting period the number of referrals of alleged crimes committed

by United Nations officials

At the same time, the number of responses is limited on a global scale and, based on the

the referrals since 2008 remain outstanding as no information or insufficient information has been provided by the States of nationality. We commend in this respect the Secretariat's efforts to gather relevant information and encourage all States to answer in a transparent way to requests for information made by the UN on investigations and prosecutions undertaken by the competent national authorities, including, where appropriate, the reasons why investigations or prosecutions have not been pursued.

We welcome the reporting provided on the support and protection of the rights of victims not only in the field of sexual exploitation and abuse but also in relation to other criminal conduct

welcome efforts to provide requesting States with technical and other appropriate assistance in developing relevant national legal measures. In the long-term, the European Union and its Member States remain ready to consider a proposal for a comprehensive international legal framework, which would clarify the circumstances under which UN Member States can exercise jurisdiction over the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.