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We applaud the important work of the UN officials and experts on mission, specifically noting the three uniformed groups – corrections, military and police – who discharge their functions dutifully.

Allegations of criminal activities, including sexual exploitation and abuse, fraud and corruption, as well as sexual harassment committed by a few UN officials or experts, undermine the integrity, credibility and trust we place in the UN to serve and deliver on behalf of the international community.

Circumstances where there are allegations of deplorable conduct carried out by UN officials and experts are compounded by a

We recognise the ongoing work of the Secretary-General in addressing this issue. We wholeheartedly support the Secretary-General's zero-tolerance policy for such criminal activities, including sexual exploitation and abuse.

We thank the Secretary-General for his latest report and endorse the recommendation for Member States to encourage UN bodies and agencies to adopt coherent policies for investigating crimes allegedly committed by UN personnel who fall outside

In this regard, the incidences of harassment and abuse of power in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as set out in the recent World Health Organisation independent commission report, are distressing and entirely unacceptable.

Added to this, we note the open-source reporting on sexual harassment, assault and misconduct within the UN system, including against UN interns, volunteers and contractors.

Regrettably, in addition to the failures of the UN system, a number of States have not yet established jurisdiction over crimes committed by UN officials and experts.

We strongly encourage Member States and the UN to intensify its efforts to prevent, investigate and hold personnel to account for criminal conduct, including through continued cooperation and funding.

We encourage Member States who have not done so, to establish jurisdiction over crimes committed by nationals while serving as UN officials or experts on mission. We stand ready to provide assistance, as appropriate, to States requesting support in developing such measures.

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