immunity to other host countries.

When it comes to Ethiopian personnel and blue helmets Ethiopia deploys to African Union, United Nations, and hybrid peacekeeping missions, we maintained strict adherence to the policy of "zero tolerance" for misconduct. We also avoided impunity, through our laws that assert jurisdiction over crimes committed by Ethiopian officials in places where they enjoy immunity.

In this regard, we would like to indicate the need for all nations to assume jurisdiction over crimes committed by their nationals that enjoy diplomatic immunity given to UN staff. We also would like to underscore the critical role of the UN in bringing-forth evidence and information on commission of crimes and in following up measures taken by countries of nationality.

Madame Chairperson,

We have noted the Secretary- General's report on measures to strengthen the coherence and coordination of policies and procedures in the UN and specialised agencies is encouraging.

Nevertheless, my delegation would like to flag the urgent need for the UN to strengthen its preventive and redress mechanisms against, favouritism, misappropriation of resources, use of functions for political objectives, open violation of the duty to maintain neutrality and impartiality, undue political declarations, unethical use and misuse of conventional and social media, interference in the internal affairs of states and other forms of transgressions.

We see a great need for the United Nations to augmenting its internal investigation and accountability mechanisms. Furthermore, the UN shall strengthen its protection for whistleblowers and witnesses against retaliation or intimidation. Self-initiated evaluation of conduct, and accountability mechanisms are necessary if the UN is to build its body of staff with the requisite integrity and competence as provided under the UN Charter.

Madame Chairperson,

Finally, I would like to reiterate the importance of cooperation between the United Nations and host countries of UN agencies, as well as member states, in order to ensure that UN officials who violate their honorable responsibilities and the law of the host countries are held accountable for their transgressions.

Ethiopia will continue to make the necessary effort towards prevention of impunity in the criminal accountability of UN officials.

Thank you.