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On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement  
Before the Sixth Committee**

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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 Report of the Secretary-General contained in documents A/76/205 on the implementation of General Assembly Resolution 75/132, which contains information on the policies and procedures of the United Nations Secretariat, funds, programmes and other entities regarding any credible allegations that reveal a crime may have been committed by United Nations officials or experts on mission as well as recommendations to help ensure that such policies and procedures are coherent, systematic and coordinated throughout the United Nations system.

Particularly, we take note of the recommendation that the United Nations system entities should continue to utilize their internal networks to measure the adequacy of their existing policies and procedures to identify potential disparities as well as to promote enhanced cooperation on cross-cutting issues, such as financial recovery. We also request the Secretary-General to continue to improve reporting methods by providing a full scope of the obstacles in the United Nations as well as any practical problems faced in the implementation of the General Assembly resolutions on Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission with the aim of developing appropriate policy and legal solutions in this Committee.

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. As we speak, NAM Countries not only contribute more than 80% of the peace-keeping personnel in the field but are also major recipients of these peace-keeping missions.

In this regard, the Non-Aligned Movement expresses its appreciation for the outstanding contributions and sacrifices of UN 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 zero-tolerance policy when addressing all cases of sexual exploitation and abuse committed by peacekeeping personnel.

The Non-Aligned Movement takes note of the work undertaken by the Ad Hoc Committee in the framework of a Working Group on the criminal accountability of the United Nations officials and experts on mission over the course of its three sessions held in 2007, 2008 and 2012. The topic of Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission was placed G

In this sense, we take note of the comprehensive strategy on assistance and support for victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations staff and related personnel, which was adopted by General Assembly resolution 62/214. This

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