



We thank the Secretary General for his reports A/77/237 &

A/77/225 .

The UN officials and experts deployed in UN Missions bear the solemn responsibility to uphold the Charter principles, and thus, the image, credibility, and integrity of the organization. Any allegation of wrongdoing against these individuals should be duly investigated in a transparent manner. It is also critical that allegations are proven beyond reasonable doubt prior to subjecting the concerned official or expert to appropriate sanctions.

On this score, the Member States have the responsibility to extend full cooperation to the UN with respect to their nationals against whom such allegations are made

During pre-deployment training at Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training, our peacekeepers are made aware of possible repercussions for lapses or acts of sexual exploitation and abuse and other crimes. We have developed customized training modules taking into account the unique cultural settings of different field missions.

However, we express our deep regret that the UN personnel, especially the peacekeepers continue to remain targets in the field and the measures to ensure accountability for the crimes against them remain grossly inadequate. This week Bangladesh has lost 3 of its brave soldiers in Central African Republic while on duty. We strongly condemn this cowardly attack and call for swift investigations by the UN as well as by the host country and bring the perpetrators to justice.

My delegation profoundly thanks the delegation of Malaysia and others for their expression of heartfelt condolences over the tragic killing of Bangladeshi peacekeepers

To reinforce our common pledge to uphold highest standards of professionalism and integrity, we need to do more. Allow me to share a few points:

prevention is always better than cure. The UN system as well as the member states with personnel deployed or employed in the UN and in the field

missions need to invest more in preventive measures. In this regard, developing customized training modules for in-mission and pre-deployment trainings, including refresher trainings, is important. Equally important is to ensure access to those training materials, especially including in the native languages.

To conclude Madam