

**United Nations General Assembly | Sixth Committee**

**Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission  
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Madam/Mr. Chair,

Brazil aligns itself with the statement delivered by the representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on behalf of the CELAC countries.

Brazil thanks the Secretary-General for the two reports submitted this year on criminal accountability of UN officials and experts on mission. By providing updated information about State practice and the policies and procedures of UN entities and related



Brazil endorses the Secretary-General's suggestion and thus encourages UN system entities and related organizations to review the adequacy of their existing policies and procedures and to identify potential disparities among them. In this regard, we commend those Secretariat units and other entities which appointed a Conduct and Discipline Focal Point to provide advice and support on matters related to conduct and discipline.

All Member States should strive to overcome remaining legal challenges to assert jurisdiction over crimes committed by their nationals when they serve as UN officials or experts on mission.

The instances of sexual violence, exploitation and 12(16 Tf1e5 3.7740

Brazil is proud of more than seven decades of contributions to UN peacekeeping. O

In 2017, we adopted regulation aimed at reinforcing that military personnel serving in UN missions must undergo specific training on sexual exploitation and abuse. In 2021, another regulation was adopted updating procedural mechanisms to address any allegation of misconduct which could entail possible criminal accountability of military personnel serving in UN missions.

Additionally, Brazil has a wide and ever-increasing network of bilateral and multilateral mutual legal assistance treaties in criminal and civil matters, which allow for speedy and effective exchange of evidence and information when necessary.

Mr./Madam Chair,

It is essential to hold perpetrators of serious crimes accountable, including those committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission. Credible allegations must be properly investigated and its