



**Statement by Mr. Bahram Heidari
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Mr. Chairperson,

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-Aligned Movement and I would like to deliver the following in my national capacity.

My delegation would like to supports the efforts by the UN and its Member States to preserve the credibility, reputation and integrity of the UN system to combat impunity by bringing the perpetrators of any crimes among the UN officials and experts on mission to justice. We also express our steadfast support to the United Nations' zero-tolerance policy on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA).

We would also like to underscore our longstanding position that the state of nationality is the appropriate forum for the prosecution of alleged crimes. As has been emphasized by resolution A/77/98, it is incumbent upon the Member States to bridge jurisdictional gaps as well as predict the necessary legal bases for mutual legal assistance and extradition for the institution of criminal proceedings.

We take note that there is no dispute among States concerning the need to ensure accountability for UN officials and experts on mission who

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on a case-by-case basis. Our Law of Criminal Procedure also provides effective protection for witnesses and victims who provide information in relation to crimes.

Mr. Chairperson

In conclusion, my delegation would like to emphasize that