STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation thanks the Secretary-General for his report on criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission contained in document A/78/248 and A/78/275.

Ethiopia aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Africa Group and the Non-Aligned Movement and I will make the following remarks in our national capacity.

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Ethiopia strongly condemns any act of abuse of immunity and commission of crimes by UN officials. Such conduct undermines the UN Charter that provides that UN Personnel shall fulfill the highest standards of efficiency, competence, and integrity.

Ethiopia, being one of the largest contributors to UN peacekeeping missions and a seat to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UN-ECA) as well as several other regional organizations and UN agencies, it bears a dual

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officials who violate laws of the host countries are held accountable for their infringement. Ethiopia will continue to make the necessary effort towards prevention of impunity in this regard.

I thank you