

a mission be investigated and, if appropriate, prosecuted, always in strict compliance with due process guarantees. This is critical to ensure the very legitimacy of the Organization, otherwise its ability to send missions serving the purposes of the Charter of the United Nations may be undermined.

In this light, it is reassuring to note in the report prepared pursuant to resolution 78/102 that standard procedures are in place among UN entities to make referrals to national jurisdictions in cases of credible allegations of misconduct.

Brazil reiterates its support for the zero-tolerance policy in cases of sexual exploitation, abuse, fraud, corruption and other criminal conduct. Both preventive and repressive measures are crucial to forestall such crimes. The victims, whose right to justice should also be safeguarded, must receive adequate support and protection.

Over the years, important progress has been made in addressing credible allegations of crimes that might have been committed by United Nations officials or experts on mission and in expanding protection against retaliation for reporting misconduct. Nevertheless, there is still room for improvement.

Brazil endorses the Secretary-General's recommendations, and thus encourages distinct legislative bodies of the UN system entities and related organizations outside the scope of General

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Thank you.