



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9 August 2016

Excellency,

I wish to bring to your attention the attached request for a formal meeting of the General Assembly on the issue of sexual exploitation and abuse under agenda item 122 entitled “Strengthening of the United Nations system”, on which I wish to consult members.

While the General Assembly has benefitted this session from two informal briefings on this important issue, I concur that the overall significance for the United Nations and the potential impact upon the reputation of United Nations peacekeeping activities and beyond warrant continued attention.

In light of the significance of this issue, I intend, based on an oral decision to be taken at the meeting, to convene a debate of the General Assembly on Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 10 AM in the General Assembly hall.

I stand ready to engage further with Member States as necessary.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

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Excellency,

I have the honor to write this letter on behalf of the Permanent Representatives of Brazil, Bangladesh, China, Ethiopia, India, Jordan, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Rwanda.

As Major Troop and Police contributors, we recognize the vital role that our peacekeepers play in the global peace & security architecture. They have presented an honorable record of accomplishments and sacrifices in conflict areas, specifically by protecting civilians, building host state capacities, brokering and overseeing the implementation of peace agreements, leading to the ultimate ending of conflict.

Nevertheless, we also recognize that this vital role is being tarnished by the acts of sexual exploitation and abuse committed by some individuals. The damage caused by such crimes is not limited to peacekeeping missions, but rather is extended to the reputation of the United Nations as a whole.

We, therefore, believe that the broader membership of the United Nations need to collectively act in order to implement the zero tolerance policy against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. Accordingly, we request a formal meeting of the General Assembly under agenda item 122 entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system" to be conducted at the soonest possible opportunity.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely

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Ambassador and Permanent Representative

To: H.E Mr. Mogens Lykketoft  
President of the United Nations General Assembly