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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to thank the United Nations Secretary General for his informed report under this agenda item entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission", contained in document A/69/210.

My delegation aligns itself with the statements made respectively by the distinguished representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and South Africa on behalf of the African Group, and would like to make the following remarks in its national capacity:

Mr. Chairman,

We welcome the commitment of the Secretary-General to continue the implementation of his zero tolerance policy towards all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse by United Nations staff members and related personnel.

My delegation expresses its concern over the persistence of cases and instances of sexual exploitation and abuses. We are moreover seriously preoccupied by the increase of these condemnable acts that are damageable not only for the victims but also for the image and credibility of the United Nations and the entire International Community.

Despite this increase, reported by last year's report A/68/756 for the reporting period running from 1st January to 31st of December 2013, my delegation takes a positive note of the general downward trend in the number of allegations of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse during the last decade and looks forward to the findings of the Secretary General's upcoming report on this issue, hoping to see a decrease of this harmful phenomenon to vulnerable populations.

Mr. Chairman,

While upholding the privileges and immunities granted to the Organization, UN officials and experts on mission are expected to respect both the precepts of international law and national legislations of the host States. This status should not lead to grant impunity for crimes of a serious nature committed by some members of these personnel.

In this regard, we remain supportive to all the measures initiated by the UN Secretary General to promptly bring credible allegations on crime that might have been committed by United Nations officials or experts on mission to the attention of the States of nationality and commend the effort of the Office of Legal Affairs in this matter.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation welcomes also the implementation of preventive and practical measures adopted by field missions and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support to strengthen existing training on United Nations standards of conduct, including through pre-deployment and in-mission induction training.

Lastly, my delegation notes with satisfaction the development of the Accountability Framework that will begin to be implemented in the third quarter of 2014, to measure the performance of field missions in connection with a number of indicators relating to conduct and discipline, including referrals by field missions for investigations to be conducted by law enforcement bodies of host States or recommendations to be made by field missions in accordance with the provisions of the relevant General Assembly resolutions

I thank you.