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**STATEMENT
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UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS ON MISSION**

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Mr. Chairperson,

I wish to express appreciation to the Secretary General for his report on Criminal accountability of the United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission A/75/228 prepared pursuant to resolution 74/181 and for his continued commitment to the prevention of and the fight against impunity for crimes committed by all United Nations Personnel.

My remarks associates with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Cameroon, and Iran speaking on behalf of the African group and Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), respectively.

Mr. Chairperson,

Ethiopia is one of the major troops contributing countries to the United Nations peacekeeping. We are also a seat for the UN Economic Commission for Africa and several other UN Agencies. These circumstances put Ethiopia on the two sides of the isle of criminal accountability of UN officials and personnel.

My country greatly values the heroic work of the United Nations Official and experts on Mission towards the fulfillment of the purposes and principle of the Charter of the United Nations. Concurrently, we remain concerned of the continued reports of criminal acts and behaviors. Such criminal acts, if not investigated and, as appropriate, prosecuted, would led to impunity and thereby defy deterrence and

denunciation. In this regard, my delegation would like to underscore the need for promoting enhanced cooperation between member States and the United Nations, in investigating allegations of criminal conduct, including setting up a process of referral by the secretariat to the State of nationality of credible allegations.

Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation also recognizes the role of member states to prevent, investigate, and ensure jurisdiction, to hold their Nationals accountable for misconduct. In this connection, we are highly determined and look forward to work closely with the Secretary General and organs of the UN to bring those officials and experts on mission who abuse their immunities and commit offences.

With regard to the grave offences that are committed, the role of prevention cannot be overemphasized. Troop and Police Contributing Countries and the United Nations have a major role in making sure the personnel and officials have the necessary training and appropriate skills that fits their role both as protectors as well as serving role models for peace operations. To this end, we need to make sure our screening and recruiting systems are streamlined and run effectively.

Mr. Chairperson,

Ethiopia observes the training of the military and police personnel on conduct and discipline, including information on the obligation of all United Nations personnel to observe the laws of host States and the possible consequences of the failure to observe such laws. Our troops are guided by the rules of engagement which are elaborated within the framework of our obligations under international humanitarian law, and they are given intensive pre deployment training on Protection of Civilian, focusing on the most vulnerable groups of society, Women and Children. There is also after duty evaluation mechanism-

Mr. Chairperson,

Allow me to finally reiterate my country's full and unwavering commitment to the zero-tolerance policy for misconduct, and the commission of crimes by United Nations officials and experts on mission, and calls on all other states to adopt the zero-tolerance policy at the local level by making sure their nationals that work for the UN do not escape justice due to their diplomatic immunity.

Thank you!