

STATEMENT

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KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS ON

CRIMINAL ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS

AND EXPERTS ON MISSION

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Mr. Chairman

My delegation aligns itself with the Statements delivered by the distinguished representative of the African Group and the representatives of the Non-Aligned Movement, respectfully.

2. Nigeria also commends the Secretary General for the Report and the progress made so far on this very important topic. Officials and experts of the United Nations on missions are expected to exhibit high moral character in performing their assigned tasks. Nigeria believes that recruiting officials and experts with records of integrity and high moral character would promote sanity among UN officials and experts in Mission.

3. Nigeria is committed to supporting the General Assembly Resolutions and encourages States Parties to put measures in place that would ensure that United Nations Officials and Experts who committed crimes while on mission are held accountable. Perpetrators of heinous crimes must be punished in order to serve as deterrence to others. Nigeria strongly believes in measures that would enhance discipline among United Nations staff on mission. As noted during our previous Statements on this subject, regular training remains one of the best ways of regulating the activities of the UN staff on Missions.

4. As Nigeria has zero tolerance policy regarding criminal activities of officials and experts, most especially crimes such as abuse and sexual exploitation, perpetrators of these heinous crimes should be referred to the state of their nationality for prosecution. Crimes and criminality should not be condoned under any guise. Nigeria therefore welcomes any measure that would be put in place to ensure sanity among UN officials and experts.

5. Nigeria remains committed to contributing towards collective efforts to exterminate atrocities being committed by the

representatives of the world body such as the United Nations. In this regard, Nigeria would continue to collaborate with other States and support the United Nations Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Victims Compensation Fund.

6. In conclusion, perpetrators of heinous crimes must be held accountable either at national or international level. Nigeria is therefore open for further deliberation or discussion on this issue in order to proffer lasting solutions.

7. Thank you.