



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

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Mr. Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro*, Iceland and Serbia*, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Armenia, and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

The European Union and its Member States welcome the Secretary General's report found in document A/68/173 on the implementation of resolution 67/88. We underline our continued support for a zero tolerance policy for crimes committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission.

While upholding the privileges and immunities of UN officials and experts on mission it is expected that international law and national legislation of the host State shall be respected by such personnel and no crime committed by them should

The EU and its Member States acknowledge that ~~cooperation~~ between States and with the UN in investigating allegations of criminal conduct is ~~essential~~. It is also crucial, with regard to the commission of crimes of a serious nature by UN ~~officers~~ and experts on mission, that the State of nationality of the relevant person establish ~~the~~ necessary jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute such crimes when appropriate. We ~~underline~~ in this regard, that States have to implement fully their obligations under international law, including applicable agreements. We also note that seven States have responded to the