

Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

Thank you, Mr./Madam Chair,

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

The Candidate Countries the Republic of North Macedonia , Montenegro , Serbia and Albania , the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

We would like to thank the Secretary-General for his recent reports. We welcome the steps taken by the United Nations to combat misconduct. Progress has been made, but there is scope for more action and results. As recommended in the report A/75/228, the UN system and related organizations should help ensure the coherence and coordination of policies and procedure relating to the reporting, investigation, referral and follow-up of credible allegations of crimes committed by personnel.

Mr./Madam Chair,

The United Nations officials and experts on mission have been instrumental in creating conditions for lasting peace, for protecting citizens and supporting development across the world. However, a single act of misconduct can lead to suffering and ruin trust or the reputation that took years to build.

All personnel on mission has to maintain a **high professional and personal standard of behaviour** in relations with the local authorities and host population as well as with regard to each other. They must respect the laws and regulations of the host country.

prosecution. In this regard, we welcome efforts to provide requesting States with technical and other appropriate assistance to adopt appropriate legislative measures.

It is crucial that **States cooperate with the UN** through adequate and timely consultations. There must be a constant feedback mechanism to build the necessary mutual trust and confidence for the investigation and prosecution of misconduct and crimes. At the same time, the exercise of jurisdiction should be without prejudice to the