

High Level Meeting on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

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Mr. Secretary General,

Excellences,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted to be present here in this High Level meeting on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse - S.E.A. I thank the Secretary General for taking lead in combating

Two allegations that we received in all these years have been dealt with strongly. One accused proven guilty has been punished with dismissal from service and imprisonment.

Excellencies,

Allegations of sexual abuse against the peacekeepers are handled with extreme urgency. The members under such allegations are immediately repatriated at his own expenses. His/her UN allowances are suspended until the investigation is complete.

S.E.A.

Mr. Secretary General,

We believe the victims of sexual exploitation and abuse deserve justice and also opportunities for rehabilitation. In this regard, I would like to pledge 100,000 US dollars of token contribution to the victim support fund.

Ladies & Gentlemen

Bangladesh has become a trend setter in peace support operations for our utmost dedication and professionalism, and high respect for the religious, cultural and social values of the people we serve. Our