

**DECLARATION BY BELGIUM ON THE OCCASION OF THE HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON COMBATING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE**

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Belgium thanks the United Nations Secretary General for organizing this important high-level meeting on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.

The United Nations and its Member States perform valuable work in conflict areas through the various operations on the ground in support of peace and security, the humanitarian needs of the local population and the promotion and protection of human