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Mr. President,

As this is the first time my delegation is taking the floor, let me congratulate you and the other members of the bureau on their election. Let me assure you of my delegation's full support and confidence that under your able leadership we will be able to conclude the work of the Sixth Committee expeditiously.

Let me also align myself with the statement made by the European Union on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

At the outset, my delegation would like to thank the Secretary-General for his two reports A/74/142 and A/74/145, and his commitment to combat criminal misconduct by United Nations officials and experts on mission

Please allow me to start with the story of a little girl named Helen, before addressing the SG's reports.

[Introduction]

Mr. President,

~~Helen is a 12-year-old girl who lives in a village in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She is the only girl in her village who has been to school. She is the only girl in her village who has been to school.~~

We thank the Secretary-General for his report A/74/145 which contains information received from Member States on criminal accountability of their nationals when serving as United Nations official or expert on mission. We are especially appreciative for Annex 1 containing additional information on the nature of the allegations and information received from States on all referrals.

We note with appreciation the repeated efforts of the secretariat to obtain information on cases referred to Member States for investigation and prosecution. We note with concern however, that despite repeated requested from the secretariat for information, some Member States do not even take the effort to acknowledge receipt of the SG's communication

The SG started referring cases to Member States for investigation, prosecution and punishment in 2008, four years after the first stories of sexual exploitation and abuse emerged. Yet, to date, 11 years later, we

W/o, understand the exceptional difficulties this might pose for the CG, but accepting military and police

officers in the knowledge that the Troop or Police contributing country will not hold their nationals accountable for criminal misconduct, is just as problematic.

[SG Report 74/142]

Mr. President,

Turning now to SG Report 74/142 containing information on the policies and procedures regarding credible allegations of criminal misconduct of the UN counter-terrorist funds, programmes and other entities

properly apply established procedures that addresses misconduct. our financial contribution will remain

suspended.

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