

Switzerland thanks the Secretary-General for his two reports. We are glad to note that the changes

introduced in last year's resolution allowed a simplification of the reporting without compromising the substance. The reports constitute an indispensable basis for Member States to enhance discussions on

how to achieve effective accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission. Crucially, they provide for much needed transparency regarding the efforts both by the United Nations organization and by Member States.

Mr. Chair

Allow me to highlight three points on behalf of Switzerland.

First, I would like to address the concrete allegations against UN officials and experts on mission. The Secretary-General refers these allegations to the States of nationality of the alleged perpetrators and

reports on responses received by these States. Let us put the numbers before us into perspective.

Since 2008, the Secretary-General has referred 190 allegations to Member States. 156 of the 190 "referrals" - that is more than three quarters - remain unanswered to this day. These numbers paint a

Third, allow me to highlight one aspect from the report regarding UN policies and procedures. The

Secretary-General underlines the importance of ensuring the coherence of relevant policies of United

Nations specialized agencies and related organizations and policies of the United Nations themselves. The Secretary-General recommends that Member States encourage the distinct legislative bodies of these relevant specialized agencies to ensure such coherence. We invite all Member States to carefully examine this recommendation and potentially follow up in the relevant legislative bodies.

Mr. Chair

Ensuring effective accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission demands a collective effort by the United Nations organization and its Member States. As outlined in our statement, responsibility to provide such accountability lies first and foremost with each Member State. We must assume this responsibility! We must do better!

Thank you.