

Bangladesh aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

We thank the Secretary General for his analytical report, pursuant to the General Assembly Resolution 74/181. We note his recommendations, including the one to ensure that, <u>the policies and procedures</u> relating to the <u>reporting</u>, investigation, referral and follow-up of credible allegations against

The UN officials and experts deployed in Missions bear the solemn responsibility to uphold the Charter principles, and thus, the image, credibility, and integrity of the organization itself. Any allegation of wrongdoing against these individuals should be duly investigated in a transparent manner. It is also critical that allegations are proven beyond reasonable doubts prior to subjecting the concerned official or expert to appropriate sanctions.

On this score, the Member States have the responsibility to extend due cooperation to the UN with respect to their nationals against whom such allegations are made.

Bangladesh currently is the top troops contributing country to the UN peacekeeping operations. Our peacekeepers represent the values that we promote as a nation. Bangladesh maintains a policy of respect of any allegation of misconduct against our peacekeepers, including allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse.

Our Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been one of the earliest members of the sexual exploitation and abuse. We also endorsed the Collective Statement issued by the Secretary General in 2018 to reaffirm the continued personal commitment of our Prime Minister in support of the efforts to combat sexual exploitation and abuse across the UN System. Bangladesh addresses the issue of sexual exploitation and abuse through various policy measures that include both punitive and preventive actions. We recognize that the objective of addressing sexual exploitation and abuse can be effectively served through well-designed and rigorous pre-deployment training, systematic

We take note of the annual report of the Trust Fund published in July 2020 and appreciate the work being done in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia and Central African Republic, to rehabilitate the victims and restore their dignity.

To conclude Mr. Chair, we reiterate unwavering commitment to upholding the image, integrity and credibility of the UN as an organization. To that end, we would like to assure of our full@-2(c)op