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Criminal accountability of UN officials and experts on mission
Statement by Norway on behalf of the Nordic countries

Mr./Mrs. Chair,
I have the honour of speaking on behalf of the five Nordic countries:
Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden – and my own coyoissue of criminal accountability of UN officials and experts on
mission remains of critical importance.
Criminal actions carried out by UN officials and experts are not acceptable.
These crimes must be investigated and prosecuted, both for the sake of the
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The Nordic countries express particular concern about allegations of sexual
exploitation and abuse. Between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2023, 26 credible
allegations of such crimes committed by United Nations officials and experts
on mission were referred to their States of nationality, and we cannot
dismiss the possibility of a significant number of unreported cases. These
numbers