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Mr Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the five Nordic countries: Finland, Iceland, Sweden, Denmark and my own country, Norway.

The men and women who work for the UN across the world are the public face of the organisation. They are the people who implement the UN mandate by participating in missions involving a wide variety of tasks. They represent and reflect the values of the UN, and a high standard of conduct is critical to the integrity of the organisation and to maintaining trust in the UN.

Reports containing credible allegations of criminal conduct by UN officials and experts while serving in missions give cause for great concern. The Secretary-General has submitted



We welcome this year's report to the General Assembly, which contains information on the extent to which jurisdiction is established under the national laws of some Member States, and information on cooperation among States and with the UN. However, as in previous years, this report only provides information on cases referred to States during the course of the previous 12 months. Information on whether these States have informed the Office of Legal Affairs of any action taken by national authorities in these cases applies only to the same period.

In the 12-month period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, the Office of Legal Affairs received 157 cases from 45 States. In the 12-month period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, the Office of Legal Affairs received 157 cases from 45 States.

types of alleged crimes, when the case was brought to the attention of the Member State, and the date and content of any response from the Member State. This table should be updated to incorporate the information received. We would like to underline that our proposal neither seeks nor encourages an exercise of naming and shaming. In our opinion, it will not be necessary to identify individual cases or States in this overview.

Improved reporting by States to the Office of Legal Affairs on their follow up of cases of alleged criminal conduct by their nationals while on mission for the UN is essential. We encourage all States to which referrals have been made during the last few years to provide the Office of Legal Affairs with feedback on their management of these cases.

Thank you, Mr Chair.