



Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

Serbia* and Albania*, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

The European Union and its Member States thank the Secretary-General for his report on the criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission pursuant to resolution 71/134 and for his continued commitment to the fight against impunity.

We reiterate our concern regarding all crimes committed by United Nations officials and experts

call upon all States to provide information on referrals as soon as possible, including the reasons

and that information from the United

There is rightly much focus on allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse, but we should not

tolerate any crimes by UN officials and experts on mission. We are also concerned by the increased number of allegations of corruption, fraud and theft, which represent 32 out of the 38 newly referred cases during the current reporting period. Such cases mean that UN funds are

being stolen or diverted from their intended purposes, including work to promote peace, security and sustainable development. We welcomed the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Framework of the United Nations Secretariat and we further encourage the Secretariat to continue promoting a

culture of integrity and honesty within the Organization, including by providing guidance and information to staff members and other personnel on how the Secretariat acts to prevent, detect, deter, respond to and report on fraud and corruption. We welcome in this respect the approval as a matter of priority by the Secretary General of an updated United Nations whistleblower policy seeking to enhance protection for individuals who report possible misconduct or cooperate with