## Statement by

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## On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement

**<u>Refore the Sixth Committee</u>** 

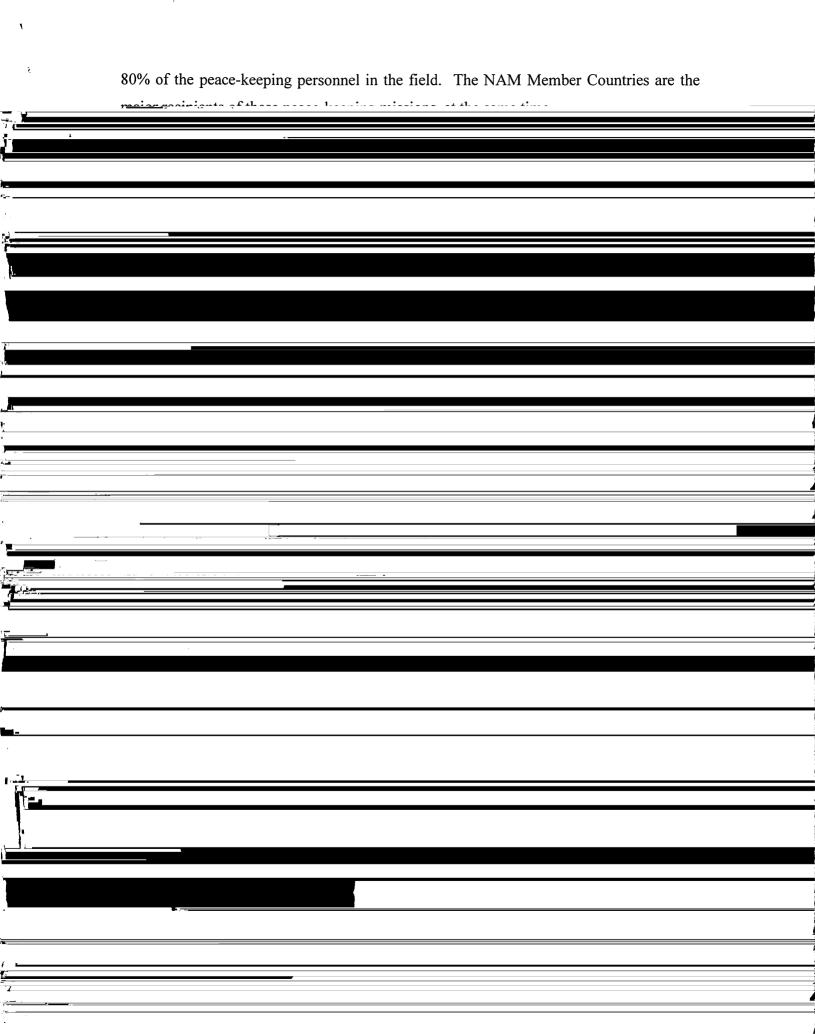
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I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

from governments on the extent to which jurisdiction is established under their national laws over crimes of a serious nature, cooperation among States and with the United



We also believe that the full implementation by all Member States of General Assembly resolution 71/134 as well as previous General assembly resolutions adopted pertaining Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission could contribute to bridging any jurisdictional gaps, if they exist and will strengthen accountability mechanisms and contribute to guaranteeing due process with respect to investigations of acts of sexual exploitation and abuse.

We encourage member states to exercise their iurisdiction in applicable cases in

order to ensure that criminal acts do not go unpunis hed. It is crucial that the state of

nationality acts in a timely manner to investigate and prosecute alleged crimes. We also call upon all states to provide information to the United Nations on any such referrals. Subsequently, an assessment can be undertaken to explore if there is any need for further measures by the General Assembly. The Movement notes that important policy and

remedial measures have been agreed but still need to be implemented. We continue to believe that progress in short term measures is also needed.

The Non-Aligned Movement reiterates its concern with respect to all alleged crimes on the part of United Nations officials and experts on mission, including