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Mr. Chairman,

Israel welcomes Resolution 68\105 and the latest report adopted by the General Assembly, which urges States to take all appropriate measures to ensure that United Nations officials and experts on mission should be held accountable if they commit crimes, and to ensure that crimes committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission, do not go unpunished.

Israel is concerned that crimes committed by UN officials and experts on mission adversely affect and undermine the United Nations mandate, especially with respect to the relations between the United Nations and the local population in the host country.

While Israel appreciates the progress made in this regard, we look forward to seeing how the different States will develop their national legislation regarding criminal activity of nationals on UN missions and urge Member States to take appropriate action to ensure that such crimes are not met with impunity.

Israel acknowledges the Secretary General's efforts to refer credible allegations against UN officials to the state of the alleged offender's nationality. Since the submission of the previous offender's(of) Tj -0.0141 Tc

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