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**Statement by the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations  
H.E. Mr. Amrit Bahadur Rai at the High-level Meeting with Member States  
on Strengthening the Conduct of Peacekeeping Personnel  
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**Mr. Secretary General  
Excellencies and  
Distinguished delegates**

I would like to thank the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance for organizing this meeting.

I would also like to take this opportunity to commend all panelists for their insightful presentations on addressing misconduct and enforcing the effective measures against SEA and providing support to victims of SEA.

Peacekeepers are at the heart of UN peace missions. Therefore, their conduct not only pumps life to the missions but can also damage the organs and paralyze the organization in case of its failure. The conduct of every person wearing the blue helmet upholds to the utmost performance and towards mandate achievement. This also personifies the image of the United Nations and its values.

On the contrary, the misconduct of any blue beret equally tarnishes the very image of the United Nations and jeopardizes the safety and security of population it is meant to protect. Thus, the conduct of the peacekeepers is very much critical. Any forms of compromise should not be acceptable.

The blue helmets from Nepal have always exhibited the highest standard of conduct. Compliance to the core values of charter of United Nations and to the

guidelines from the Secretariat has been our distinction. Towards this end, Nepal has adopted a holistic approach of ensuring the compliance to the code of conduct. We have our own vetting process for selecting a peacekeeper. The pre-deployment training emphasizes, among others, on conduct of peacekeepers especially on SEA through different methods such as deliberation of case studies and signing of self-declaration form. Nepali Army has also developed a handbook on preventing SEA, which is distributed individually to the troops being deployed in the peace operations to maintain discipline and conduct. The same thing is reinforced in the mission by different levels of commanders including through lectures and training packages.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is not only the prevention aspect Nepal has focused on; we have equally emphasized the enforcement. Any allegation of sexual harassment including SEA is promptly investigated as per the guidelines of the Secretariat and if the accused is found involved, he/she will be repatriated and persecuted in the court of law.

To conclude, I would like to reiterate that Nepal not just adheres to the UN's Zero Tolerance Policy as a signatory to the Voluntary Compact on preventing and addressing SEA but also follows Zero Incident Policy on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA). Nepal is happy to share its experiences as well as support the secretariat in any way it can in this regard. Nepal is committed to ensure that its peacekeepers always maintain the highest standards of integrity, competence and efficiency in achieving the Mission's mandate.

I thank you.