

**Egypt statement on conclusion of the 2nd resumed part
of the 70th session of the fifth committee**

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Mr. Chairman

I would like to thank all the delegations that contributed to the successful conclusion of the second resumed session of the fifth committee, that adopted a resolution on peacekeeping cross-cutting issues *for the second year* in a row. This resolution includes a separate section (Section IV) that is dedicated to the Special measures for protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse SEA.

This section expresses the strong commitment of the General Assembly to the United Nations zero tolerance policy in Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. In this section, member states demonstrate their resolve to support victims of SEA, and their adherence to full accountability and bringing perpetrators to justice. Member states agree on measures to ameliorate cooperation with the Secretariat, address the root causes and the risk factors that contribute to SEA cases, and ensure full transparency in reporting SEA cases, with no distinction between UN and non-UN troops.

This successful outcome confirms that the General Assembly, the competent UN body to deal with conduct issues in Peacekeeping operations, is up to the challenge and *is capable* of adopting consensus resolutions and issuing specific guidance to entirely eradicate these cases from Peacekeeping missions.

We commend the comprehensive and even-handed approach by which member states have conducted their negotiations on SEA during this session. The spirit and outcome of our negotiations confirm that when it comes to such horrible crimes, all member states are united behind victims, and are ready to take full measures to ensure full accountability, and are willing to improve the management of Peacekeeping in order to make SEA just history. We remain committed to such endeavor.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.