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**Introductory remarks by Ms. Martha Helena Lopez,  
Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources**

**Agenda item 148 - Report of the Secretary-General  
Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/74/705)**

**4 May 2020 (11:15AM)**

Mr. Chairperson, distinguished delegates

I have the honor to introduce the Secretary-General's report on measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (A/74/705).

As requested in General Assembly resolutions 71/278 and 71/297, the report provides information on measures to strengthen the system-wide response to sexual exploitation and abuse, including progress in implementation of the zero-tolerance policy and the Secretary-General's 'new approach' strategy outlined in A/71/818 and further addressed in A/72/551 and in A/73/744.

This report is also presented in a simpler format as the ones introduced the past two years, focusing on the Secretary-General's strategy by placing, in a supplementary information document, information on allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse relating to personnel in peacekeeping and special political missions, personnel and implementing partners in other United Nations entities, and non-United Nations international forces authorized by a Security Council mandate. This information covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2019.

The Special Coordinator on Improving the United Nations Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Ms. Jane Holl Lute, will share with you her remarks on the substantive elements of the report.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.