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## INVITATION

On the occasion of the “Working Group on Criminal Accountability” of the Sixth Committee, the Permanent Mission of Switzerland invites you to

### ***Criminal Accountability of UN Officials and Experts on Mission: A Comparative Study and Food for Thought***

**on Tuesday, 9 October 2018, 1.15 - 2.45 p.m.**

at the United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 6

During the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the General Assembly, the “Working Group on Criminal Accountability” will convene for the first time since 2015. On this occasion, the Permanent Mission of Switzerland invites you to a **presentation of the independent study “National Legal Frameworks Governing Criminal Accountability for Offences Committed Abroad and/or on UN Missions”** by the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (SICL). The presentation will be followed by a **panel discussion in view of nourishing and advancing deliberations in the Working Group** and the Sixth Committee.

Among other things, the SICL has examined whether potential gaps in national legislations could be closed by a new international convention, as recommended in the 2006 report of the Group of Legal Experts (A/60/980). The Secretary-General has urged Member States to conclude the discussion on the adoption of such a convention in order to ensure justice, including for victims of sexual exploitation and abuses.

Speakers are **Dr. Johanna Fournier**, Legal Advisor at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, **Mr. Stephen Mathias**, Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs at the United Nations and **Mr. Larry D. Johnson**, Adjunct Professor at Columbia Law School. The event is hosted by **Mr. Dominique Favre**, Deputy Head of Mission at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland.

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