

Australia unreservedly condemns sexual exploitation and abuse. Such behaviour by UN personnel exploits the vulnerability of the people they have been sent to help; it undermines the legitimacy of the UN and it disrespects the vast majority of UN personnel who serve honourably. Any allegations of exploitation and abuse need to be investigated, and any criminal acts brought to justice.

We acknowledge the efforts made in recent years to address this problem, including: the adoption of a UN Security Council resolution authorising the repatriation of UN personnel who have been sexually exploited or abused. We also support the efforts of the UN to ensure that such personnel are held accountable for their actions.