The Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and, with regard to the recent release of the report of the Secretary-General on “Special Measures for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse: A New Approach”, has the honour to invite Heads of Delegation to a high-level meeting on this issue which will take place on 18 September 2017, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at United Nations Headquarters in New York, in the margins of the high-level week of the seventy-second session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The purpose of the meeting is to highlight the commitment and solidarity of Heads of State and/or Government, heads of international and regional organizations, civil society partners and the leadership of the United Nations to prevent and eradicate sexual exploitation and abuse. It will demonstrate the resolve of the international community at the highest political level to combat this scourge, putting the rights and dignity of victims at the forefront of our collective efforts.

The meeting will also provide a timely opportunity for the Secretary-General to introduce the members of his Circle of Leadership and the signatories of the Voluntary Compact, to recognize Member States that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund in support of Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, and to invite new pledges.

A tentative programme is attached.

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General further wishes to inform that the Secretary-General is appreciative of the continued support and leadership of Member States on this matter and looks forward to welcoming Heads of Delegation to the United Nations on 18 September 2017.

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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High-Level Meeting on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
18 September 2017, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Trusteeship Council Chamber
United Nations Headquarters

3:00 – 3:10 Introduction and Keynote Address by the Secretary-General
3:10 – 3:15 Statement by the President of the General Assembly
3:15 – 4:00 Session chaired by the Secretary-General:
Identified gaps, solutions and sustaining efforts to prevent
and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse
4:00 – 4:10 Recognition by the Victims’ Rights Advocate of the
voluntary commitment of Member States to the Trust Fund
in Support of Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, and
a call for new pledges
4:10 – 4:20 Introduction of the signatories to the Voluntary Compact
by the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support
4:20 – 4:30 Introduction of the Circle of Leadership by the
Secretary-General and Closing Remarks
4:30 Meeting closes

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