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Dear Ms. Donovan,
Dear Mr. Lewis,

I am in receipt of your letter, dated 22 December 2017, which is further to my letter of 19 December 2017 and recent correspondence between Code Blue and the United Nations on this matter.

You raise a number of important issues related to efforts of the United Nations at preventing and addressing sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations personnel. The Secretary-General has addressed these issues, through his reports to the General Assembly and through our responses to Code Blue and other civil society organizations. We have also provided you with a reasoned response and access to relevant documents to gain a full understanding of the Organization's policies in this critical area.

The need to continually strengthen the Organization's response to sexual exploitation and abuse is a key priority for the Secretary-General, who has been clear that he seeks an approach informed, not only by our experience, but also through engagement with Member States and civil society. We will continue to create opportunities to engage with civil society and we believe that broad and inclusive engagement will be most productive.

Thank you for your continued interest in this important issue.

I too wish you a pleasant and restful winter holiday,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Atul Khare'.

Atul Khare
Under-Secretary-General
for Field Support

Ms. Paula Donovan
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