



**Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly,
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United Nations General Assembly President Srgjan Kerim is deeply saddened by the news of a United Nations helicopter crash in Nepal, which claimed the life of 10 people on board, including seven personnel from the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN), and three crew members. The President expresses his most sincere condolences to the families of the victims of this tragic accident, as well as to UNMIN staff for the loss of their colleagues.

The President notes that the tragic accident is once again a sad reminder of the fact that UN personnel have to operate in dangerous conditions and face a multitude of risks during their daily work. And if you remember, NEPAL was on the agenda of the General Assembly last year when it held a meeting on this, they deserve the full support of United Nations Member States.