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SUBJECT: **Working Together to Prevent Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) - Common Tools**

OBJET:

1. The United Nations (UN) operates in circumstances of heightened risk for Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA). The assessment and strengthening of capacity to prevent and respond to allegations of SEA requires a joint commitment between UN entities and partners to protect those we serve. In accordance with the 2018 UN Protocol on SEA Involving Implementing Partners (IP protocol), UN entities and partners collaborate to assess and strengthen partner capacity in a coordinated and effective manner.
2. The UN system has made significant progress in implementing such a common approach to the operationalization of the IP protocol through utilizing the [UN Implementing Partner PSEA Capacity Assessment Harmonized Tool](#) and through good coordination at the country level. All UN entities are encouraged to align with this approach.
3. To support coordination, the United Nations Implementing Partner Protocol Working Group (IPSWG) has developed a library of resources available to UN personnel and partners and, in collaboration with the United Nations International Computing Center (UNICC), launched the PSEA module in the UN Partner Portal (UNPP), which digitizes the harmonized tool:
 - a. [Inter-agency PSEA Implementing Partner Protocol Resource Package](#) (including guidance on interagency coordination and a methodological guide for assessing partners).
 - b. [Resources to support PSEA capacity strengthening](#);
 - c. [PSEA Module User Guides and Resource Materials](#).
4. The benefits of working together and leveraging available resources, networks, and tools are self-evident and I thus encourage all UN personnel to avail themselves of these PSEA resources.
5. We look forward to continuing to work closely with all of you to strengthen our efforts to address SEA effectively.
6. Thank you.

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