

7 June 2020

His Excellency António Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations
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Your Excellency,

I have information that in February 2018 a female UN staff member tried to report an overt sexual assault, in that an Assistant Secretary General had forced his hand inside her pants, but she was dissuaded from reporting this as 'misconduct' it because she was told that her assailant was *protected* and no action would ever be taken against him.

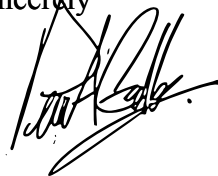
It is further alleged that you yourself were later made aware of this incident but were uninterested in hearing the details and took no action.

There appear to be only two possibilities here, either:

- a) that this is evidence of you being unwilling to listen to information about a very serious criminal allegation against one of your senior staff, and not demanding that this be properly investigated, or
- b) that the source of this information has stated something that was a patently false and defamatory, to discredit you and undermine your policy on sexual misconduct.

In view of what you have previously said in public on the subject of sexual misconduct, I feel obligated to give you the opportunity to make a statement on this.

Sincerely



cc Mr. Stephane Dujarric, Spokesperson
Ms. Jane Holl Lute, Special Coordinator on Sexual Exploitation & Abuse.