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不法行為および性的暴力・搾取のアカウンタビリティに関する国連のアプローチの変化

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The UN has made four shifts in its approach to misconduct and sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) since Secretary-General Antonio Guterres started his term. One shift is to depart from the conduct and discipline approach to a victims' rights approach in addressing SEA. This shift meant having an UN wide Victims' Rights Advocate and field officers to liaise with SEA victims regarding their priorities, and to protect their rights, mainly in field operations. Another shift is to have a UN-system wide SEA advisory and coordination mechanism. The UN Special Coordinator on improving the United Nations response to SEA leads this initiative. Various policies and practises across the UN are increasingly coordinated. An additional shift relates to enhanced leadership accountability for inaction with respect to SEA. This was illustrated, for instance, in the encouraged resignation of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for the UN mission in the Central African Republic (CAR) following the CAR SEA scandal and failures to adequately address SEA. The fourth shift is to increase transparency regarding misconduct by UN personnel and the UN's responses to allegations of misconduct, including SEA. Data on alleged misconduct is now made public, at least to an extent, and information is increasingly shared within the UN system and with member States where incidents arise. This seminar will look into how or whether these shifts have contributed to increased accountability for UN personnel's wrongdoings, opened up spaces for victims, and where challenges remain. The seminar aims to have a dialogue with the project researchers on these issues, inviting UN officials to address the implications of these recent developments.

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