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Coping International spoke with His Excellency Archbishop Charles J Scicluna about international mandatory reporting within the Catholic Church for mandated reporters.

His Excellency notes,

“In canon law there is a moral duty to report abuse to the competent Ordinary or to the local safeguarding service.” [He further adds]; “the normal point of reference is the competent ordinary either of the accused cleric or of the place where the delict took place. A layperson who has knowledge of a delict should approach one of these two competent ordinaries. In cases of sexual abuse of minors, one can write directly to the CDF who refers the information to the competent Ordinary. This is also implied in MP SST and in the CDF Vademecum.” - ++Chares J. Scicluna.