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Criminal accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on
Mission

Oral report of the Chairperson of the Working Group

Chairperson: Thembile Joyini (South Africa)

I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/114 of 10 December 2014, the Sixth Committee decided, at its 1st meeting, on 12 October 2015, to establish a working group with a view to continuing the consideraJion of the report of the Group of Legal Experts (A/60/980), in particular its legal aspects, taking into account the views of Member States, and also noting the inputs by the Secretariat. The Committee also decided to open the Working Group to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.
2.

Secretary-General on The future of United Nations peace operations: implementation of the recommendations of the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations (A/70/357-S/2015/682). Furthermore, it had

7. The following section of the report constitutes an informal summary for reference purposes only, not an official record of the proceedings, of the exchange of views in the Working Group.

III. Informal Summary of discussions in the Working Group
8. Regarding the question whether discussions could commence on negotiations of the draft international convention relating to the criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission, as proposed by the Group of Legal Experts in its report

any obstacles to seeking criminal accountability in appropriate situations, as well as to promote more substantive discussions on the report of the Group of Legal Experts.

11 Regarding the discussion on further practical aspects that could enhance the measures of accountability, as set out in previous resolutions on this topic, delegations highlighted the need

interactive dialogue was greatly appreciated, and should be repeated at any future sessions of the Working Group, as appropriate.

14. This concludes my oral report on the work of the Working Group on Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission at this year's session. I am most grateful to delegations for their cooperation and assistance to the Chair in furthering the work on the item. This remains an issue of concern to Member States and the United Nations. I remain available to work with delegations in order to ensure that we maintain our focus on ensuring that there is no impunity for criminal activity committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission.

Thank you.

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