

**Statement by Mr. Saad Ahmad Warraich, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of
Pakistan to the United Nations in the Sixth Committee on Agenda Item 80:
“Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission”
(New York, 6 October 2017)**

Mr. Chairman,

representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned
Movement.

We thank the Secretary General for his three reports **contained in
documents A/72/205, A/72/121 and A/72/126** pursuant to General Assembly
Resolution 71/134, in particular Annex I and II of A/72/205, providing additional
information on the nature of the allegations and information received from States

Mr. Chairman,

As a major Troop Contributing Country, Pakistan fully subscribes to the UN's zero tolerance policy for crimes committed by UN officials and experts on Mission. Our peacekeepers have always displayed the highest standards of professionalism and conduct. We remain committed to enforce strict discipline, in any cases of reported misconduct.

Pakistan was also among the first batch of countries to sign the UN's voluntary compact on preventing and addressing sexual exploitation and abuse.

We affirm the importance of pre-deployment training of UN officials and experts on Mission. We have developed training modules that form part of the curricula for mandatory courses in respect for human rights and protection of civilians. We are willing to share our training experience with the Secretariat and UN membership.

Mr. Chairman,

We believe that the goal of criminal accountability can be enhanced by addressing jurisdictional gaps, especially pertaining to crimes recognized by both the host state and the state of nationality as reaffirmed in several General

Assembly resolutions.

We also believe that it is still premature to discuss a draft convention on

confident that our work in the Sixth Committee would contribute towards this objective.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.