

Statement by Pakistan on Agenda Item 77
³Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission

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Madam Chair,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the

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3. This agenda item continues to remain relevant and crucial for deliberation in the Sixth Committee as it strongly relates to the fundamental principles of the rule of law and

that allegations are proven beyond reasonable doubt to subject allel

5. While there is no dispute among States concerning the need to ensure that United Nations officials and experts on mission who commit criminal offences are held accountable for their actions, collective efforts to that end are falling short because of several reasons

x Firstly, cohesion and consistency of policy and practice across the UN

streamlined and coordinated approach within the UN system cannot be over emphasized.

- x Two, the issue of accountability of UN officials and experts on missions is crosscutting and multifaceted in its nature. While sexual exploitation and abuse is the most vile and heinous expression of abuse, ‘criminal accountability’ of UN officials and experts on missions has a much broader scope– in fact, as the latest report of the Secretary General affirms, a

standards of professionalism and conduct. We remain committed to enforce strict discipline, in any cases of reported misconduct.

7. Pakistan was among the first batch of countries to sign the UN's voluntary compact on preventing and addressing sexual exploitation and abuse. Prime Minister Imran Khan is also a member of the circle of leaders against sexual exploitation and abuse.

8. We reaffirm the importance of predeployment 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. These efforts are in sync with the UN's own initiatives to strengthen conduct and discipline across all e