

**Statement by Mr. Saad Warraich (Pakistan), Coordinator,
introducing draft resolution A/C.6/74/L.14 on behalf of the Bureau**

Mr. Chair,

On behalf of the Bureau, I have the honor to introduce the text of the draft resolution entitled “**Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission**”, contained in document A/C.6/74/L.14.

The draft resolution is the result of our detailed consideration in informal consultations and of constructive bilateral contacts. Our consultations also benefited from very helpful information provided by representatives of the Secretariat during a briefing organized on 16 October 2019.

The draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/74/L.14 largely reiterates and further strengthens resolution 73/196 of 20 December 2018. In addition to technical amendments to the text of resolution 73/196, the draft resolution includes one new preambular paragraph. In the interest of time, I will focus my presentation of the draft resolution on the new preambular paragraph and a number of technical amendments with regard to the working group and reporting obligations to the General Assembly.

In the **new preambular paragraph 6**, the General Assembly would honour the heroic work of tens of thousands of United Nations officials and experts on mission, underscore that the United Nations should not let the actions of a few tarnish the achievements of the whole and commend the Member States that have taken steps to prevent, investigate and hold accountable their personnel for criminal conduct, such as that involving sexual exploitation and abuse.

In the **preambular paragraph 22**, the General Assembly would recall its

decision that, bearing in mind its resolutions 62/63 and 70/114, the consideration of the report of the Group of Legal Experts, in particular its legal aspects, taking into account the views of Member States and also noting the inputs by the Secretariat, would be continued during its seventy-fifth session in the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee. The text in preambular paragraph 22 replicates the text of previous resolutions on the item in those years in which the working group did not take place.

In terms of reporting by the Secretary-General, the General Assembly, in **operative paragraph 29**, would request the Secretary-General to keep up to date the online compilation of the full submissions and questionnaire responses as well as the online summary table of national provisions based on information received from Member States since 2007. The Assembly would also request the Secretary-General, provided that sufficient information has been received from Member States, to prepare a report containing a general overview of national provisions based on the information received in view of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly.

In the **operative paragraph 30**, the General Assembly would once again request the Secretary-General to submit an update to the report setting out all existing policies and procedures of the United Nations system regarding the allegations referred to in operative paragraphs 18 and 19 of the draft resolution. In **operative paragraph 31**, the General Assembly would then request the Secretary-General to report more generally on the implementation of the draft resolution, in particular with respect to paragraphs 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 20 and 30, as well as any practical problems in its implementation, on the basis of information received from Governments and the Secretariat.

It is my hope that the draft resolution will be adopted without a vote. Allow me to thank most sincerely all delegations who engaged in informal consultations

constructively and with the spirit of compromise. I am confident that the draft resolution will contribute to enhanced efforts in order to ensure the criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission.

This concludes my introduction of the draft resolution. I thank all delegations for their kind attention.