Statement by Mr. Qasim Aziz (Pakistan), Coordinator, introducing draft resolution A/C.6/76/L.12 on behalf of the Bureau

Mr./Madam 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.6/76/L.12.

The draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/76/L.12 largely reiterates and further strengthens resolution 75/132 of 15 December 2020. In addition to technical updates to the text of resolution 75/132, the text of one operative paragraph has been amended. In the interest of time, I will focus my presentation of the draft resolution on the said operative paragraph and a number of technical amendments with regard to the working group and reporting obligations to the General Assembly.

In terms of substantive changes, the text of **operative paragraph 2** has been amended such that the General Assembly would recall all of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse and on United Nations action on sexual exploitation and abuse, in addition to the relevant report of the Secretary-General and an evaluation report by the Office of Internal Oversight Services that was issued this year.

Turning now to some of the technical amendments, in **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-seventh session in the framework of a working group of the Sixth

Committee. The text in prembular 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-seventh session of the General Assembly.

In 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.