



Statement by

Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

at

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on

**Agenda Items 76:
Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials and
Experts on Mission**

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Mr. Chair,

Indonesia aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Delegation of Iran on behalf of NAM.

We express appreciation to the Secretary-General for his report contained in Document A/79/185 and A/79/189.

We welcome the recommendations therein, particularly the call for Member States to continue encouraging the distinct legislative bodies of the UN system and related organizations, to ensure the coherence and coordination of policies and procedures relating to the follow-up of credible allegations of criminal conduct committed by UN officials and experts on mission.

Indonesia remains fully committed to the General Assembly Resolution 78/102 which represents an essential step toward achieving justice by ensuring that UN officials and experts on mission are not exempted from the consequences of criminal acts.

It is our view that this agenda remains relevant as it enhances respect for the rule of law and reinforces accountability.

Therefore, allow me to share **three key points**.

FIRST, we support zero-tolerance policy towards crimes committed by UN officials and experts on mission.

In the performance of their duties, all UN personnel must uphold the highest standards of conduct and integrity, respect local laws and customs, and safeguard the Organization's image and credibility.

In this regard, Indonesia believes that Member States have the primary responsibility to adopt preventive measures including thorough vetting process, enhanced pre-deployment and in-mission trainings, and raising awareness about UN conduct standards.

SECOND, it is important to deliver justice to both victims and those accused.

While immunity is a fundamental principle to the functioning of UN officials, it must never serve as a shield to obstruct justice.

Confidentiality in investigations, protection of witnesses and whistleblowers, as well as the rehabilitation of falsely accused individuals are key to maintaining fairness and justice throughout the process.

Therefore, we commend the efforts of the Secretary-General to harmonize policies across the UN system to improve accountability, including in strengthening investigation and prosecution mechanisms, in compliance with international law.

LASTLY, strengthen and promote international cooperation.

International cooperation is essential to improving accountability, sharing best practices, and ensuring that justice is achieved, while protecting the most vulnerable.

On our part, Indonesia is pleased to point out that Indonesia's Penal Code recognizes legal principles allowing the establishment of criminal jurisdiction over Indonesians, irrespective of where crimes are committed.

Indonesia also has the necessary legislative tools to provide judicial cooperation in criminal law, such as Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.

Such judicial cooperation may be rendered on a reciprocal basis.

Therefore, Indonesia stands ready to collaborate with other Member States and the UN for this noble cause.

I thank you.
