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**The Delegation of Indonesia
at the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly
on
Agenda item 77:
“Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and
experts on mission”
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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, my delegation would like to associate our-self with the statements delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Alignment Movement.

Our delegation would also like to extend its appreciation to the Secretary General for his reports contained in documents A/75/228 and A/75/217.

We underline that this agenda item remains relevant and crucial for deliberation in this forum as it strongly relates to the fundamental principles of the rule of law, and affirms that impunity has no place in our world.

Indonesia perceives the service in the UN system as a noble duty. Nevertheless, it should never be an excuse or justification for wrongful acts or criminal activities on the part of any official.

Our delegation fully appreciates **the current report prepared by the Secretariat on the policies/procedures of the UN and its specialized agencies for any crime that may have been committed by UN official.**

We are pleased to see that the information from, among others, UNDP, UN University, International Maritime Organization, and IAEA could enrich this year’s report.

We highly support the effective implementation of the policies and procedures by different UN entities, towards ensuring legal compliance and highest standards of conduct and integrity.

Mr. Chair,

In any cases of wrongful acts or crimes committed by UN officials and experts on mission, it is the view of Indonesia that such cases must be processed through due process of law.

In this context, we realize that gaps either in jurisdiction or enforcement may arise. **Therefore, Indonesia encourages Member States to equip themselves with the necessary legal tools, such as extradition and mutual legal assistance cooperation, to cooperate with other states in the matter of criminal justice.**

I am pleased to reiterate that Indonesia's penal code allows us to establish criminal jurisdiction over Indonesian nationals wherever they may commit crimes.

Furthermore, Indonesia has the appropriate national legal framework and international cooperation instruments, such as extradition and mutual legal assistance based on bilateral, regional and multilateral agreements.

Moreover, in the absence of such treaties, extradition and mutual legal assistance cooperation can be carried out, on a case-by-case basis, based on the principle of reciprocity.

Mr. Chair,

Indonesia emphasizes the crucial role of peacekeeping operations. Indonesia also believes that high standards of conduct should be implemented for peacekeepers from all over the world.

For us, UN peacekeeping personnel are the guardians of peace as they protect millions around the globe.

Until now, we have deployed more than 45.000 personnel to UN peacekeeping operations throughout our history. Currently, over 2,800 Indonesian peacekeepers, including 158 women, are serving in eight missions.

For this reason, we have equipped our peacekeepers with relevant training materials, including on community engagement, human rights, and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA).

Our Peacekeeping Training Center in Bogor has been very active not only in providing training to our personnel, but also providing training and capacity building to international participants.

In this regard, Indonesia stresses its advocacy of stronger partnerships to improve training and capacity building.

Indonesia continues to stand ready to enhance cooperation in this matter.

I thank you, **Mr. Chair.**