

Statement by the Indian delegation in the Sixth Committee at the sixty-ninth UNGA session on agenda item 75 “Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission.”

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, my delegation would like to align itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the NAM this morning, and now we state the following from our national perspective.

Mr. Chairman,

The instances of crimes being committed by the United Nations officials and
”, submitted pursuant to
the General Assembly resolution 68/105.

The Report outlines the information received from certain States on their national laws establishing jurisdiction over crimes, committed by their nationals while serving as United Nations officials or experts on mission. It also provides information on cooperation among States and with the United Nations in the investigation and prosecution of such crimes; and on the activities within the UN Secretariat towards disciplining the officials and assisting the States to help prevent such crimes.

Mr. Chairman,

According to paragraph 14 of the Secretary-General’s report, during the period reported upon, cases of fifteen UN officials were referred to the States of their nationalities for investigation and prosecution. We are fully confident that the concerned States will conduct thorough investigations and prosecution and if found guilty, will punish the officials involved.

We note with appreciation the information in paragraph 22 of the report that the awareness-raising activities continue to emphasize the obligations of all United Nations personnel to observe the laws of the host country, and the consequences of failing to do so.

Mr. Chairman,

