Statement on behalf of the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan By H.E. Mahmoud Daifallah Hmoud Before the Sixth Committee of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly On the item ''Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission''

Madam Chair, At th credibility of the officials and experts on the mission. Therefore, we call on member states to heed the recommendation, by the secretary-general, regarding the enhancement of the UN system officials and experts on mission, did the secretariat receive updates. Accordingly, we call on member states to promote the policies and procedures relating to the reporting, investigation, referral, and follow-up of credible allegations against the UN, especially in situations that fall outside the scope of General Assembly resolutions.

## Madam Chair,

In article 10 of the Jordanian Penal Code number 16 of 1960, offenses committed by Jordanians operating abroad are criminalized. As such, Jordanian personnel in peacekeeping,

criminal jurisdiction and do not enjoy immunity before Jordanian courts. Cases have been brought by Jordanian prosecutors for offences committed by Jordanians participating in UN missions in the past and appropriate penalties were imposed by such courts. In this context, it is also imperative that states and the UN cooperate in bringing perpetrators to justice in a manner that would not infringe on the immunity of the organization. We note that the SG also decided in such cases involving criminal conduct of UN personnel to wave such immunities, for the interest of justice. Furthermore, it is of the utmost importance that we resolve the outstanding issues relating to the jurisdiction, particularly over crimes of a serious nature, to facilitate the investigation and prosecution of these crimes. Thus, we remain supportive of a proposal for a comprehensive international legal framework to ensure that the