



United Nations General Assembly: Sixth Committee Debate on Criminal Accountability of UN Officials and Experts on Mission – CANZ Statement

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I have the honour to speak on behalf of Australia, Canada, and my own country, New Zealand.

We commend the important work that UN officials and experts on mission do across the globe in creating the conditions for lasting peace. Tens of thousands of these individuals are engaged every day in maintaining peace and security, delivering humanitarian assistance, advancing the rule of law, and supporting development. Article 101 of the UN Charter emphasises that UN staff must exhibit the highest standards of integrity.

However, the deplorable acts of a few UN officials and experts, and the failure to hold them accountable, have increased suffering among the people they are mandated to help and protect. Such acts have undermined the reputation, credibility, integrity and impartiality of UN Missions,

