

**. U.S. Remarks at a Meeting of the Sixth Committee on Agenda Item 79:  
Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission  
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allegations have been made when no response has been received. Such referrals, or complaints made directly to national authorities, will only be meaningful when Member States can and do take action on them.

In this regard, we previously brought to the Committee's attention that the United States Department of Justice had charged Karim Elkorany, a U.S. national and former UN employee, with sexual assault, including against a fellow UN employee, while serving with the Organization on a UN mission in Iraq. In May 2022, Elkorany pled guilty to one count of sexual assault, while admitting to 19 other criminal acts, including at least 13 other sexual assaults. Elkorany is scheduled to be sentenced later this month. While we are pleased that Elkorany is being held accountable, more is needed from the UN and Member States. In particular, we need to investigate how Elkorany was able to commit so many assaults over an extended period of

