

## INTERVENTION OF THE DELEGATION OF MEXICO Item 146: REPORT OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY GROUP ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 65/289, TO CONSIDER THE RATE OF REIMBURSMENT FOR TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES 1ST RESUMED SESSION OF THE 5th COMMITTEE, 67 UNGA. New York, 8 March 2013

Mr. President.

At the outset, my delegation would like to join the congratulations expressed to all women on this day, which aims to remind us of the importance of guaranteeing the participation of women, in terms of complete equality in all spheres of social life.

I thank Ms. Ameerah Haq, Under Secretary General for Field Support and Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the presentation of their respective Reports.

In addition to reiterating that my delegation associates with the elements on this topic included in the statement delivered by the Delegation of Cuba on Monday 4 March, on behalf of the CELAC, allow me to make the following additional comments.

My delegation expresses its deep appreciation to the women and men that participate in Peacekeeping Operations, who in many occasions put their lives in danger, and even sacrifice it to defend and promote the high goals of the Organization.

On the subject under consideration, allow me to recall that the establishment of the SAG was the result of a compromise among the various negotiating parties after an extremely arduous process of discussions. My delegation would like to recognize the efforts of all participants in the Group, which included both mayor TCC's and financial contributors, and we would like to recognize especially the efforts of the representatives of GRULAC, Brazil and Uruguay.

My delegation concurs with the direction and purpose of the recommendations of the SAG in general terms. We understand that they seek to establish incentives for all the stakeholders that participate in the important efforts of PKO's in the medium and long terms. We are confident that the ultimate goal of the Report is to optimize the material and human capabilities of PKO's, in order to fulfill the great responsibility that Member States entrusted in them.

We also take note of the interpretation of the recommendations of the SAG that the Secretary-General makes, which are detailed in the note that was presented today by Ms. Haq. We would like to express our willingness to work with all interested delegations in order to fully understand the measures proposed by the Secretary-General to implement the recommendations of the SAG, and where appropriate do the necessary fine-tuning.

We reiterate that the main objective of the discussion should be to provide the Organization with the necessary means to fulfill its mandate in this important area, while ensuring the long term sustainability of the system and the "PKO Compact", which entails obligations and responsibilities for all parties.

Finally, we express our confidence that all actors will participate in the discussions in the most pragmatic and constructive manner possible.

Thank you.