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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, as we begin this session, dedicated mainly to the consideration of financing of the UN peacekeeping missions, Pakistan wishes to pay tribute to the men and women who serve the peacekeeping missions with a high level of commitment, professionalism and courage. We also remember the peacekeepers who have lost their lives in the service of humanity. Pakistan has suffered one of the highest number of fatalities in UN peacekeeping.

2. We convey our profound admiration to you, Ambassador Miguel Berger, for your outstanding leadership of the Fifth Committee during the 67th session of the General Assembly; and the solid contributions made by the Bureau and the Secretariat. In particular, we commend Under-Secretary-General Herve Ladsous of DPKO, and Under-Secretary-General Ameera Haq of DFS, and their teams, for their efforts and thorough preparation for this session.

3. Pakistan delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the Permanent Representative of Fiji on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. I take this opportunity to congratulate Ambassador Peter Thomson for leading the Group effectively, throughout the 67th session.

Mr. Chairman,

4. The resumed session institutionalizes the intergovernmental oversight on the policy, execution and management of UN flagship activity of peacekeeping. In this regard, it is pertinent that the Committee utilizes its programme of work effectively and efficiently with the following overarching objectives:

- i. Ensure that gaps between the requirement and availability of resources for peacekeeping missions are bridged on the basis of their mandates and the real situation on ground. The notion of reform and efficiency should not be used as an excuse to cut back. We believe that the practice of arbitrary cuts in peacekeeping budgets jeopardizes the effective implementation of mandates;
- ii. Address comprehensively the systemic and unresolved issues including the rates of reimbursement on account of troop-cost, and the continued under-representation of TCCs; and

- iii. Assess the *real impact* of major business transformation projects, in particular, the Global Field Support Strategy (GFSS) aimed at improving the quality of logistical services to field missions and enhancing their operational effectiveness.

Mr. Chairman,

5. We are happy to note that with the collective wisdom and understanding of one another's concerns, the Committee was able to lock agreement on the Report of the Senior Advisory Group (SAG), notwithstanding some reservations. This, we believe, would contribute significantly to the effective and efficient management of the UN peacekeeping operations.

Mr. Chairman,

7. We, however, must understand that the approval of a small amount of increase would provide an interim relief to the difficulties faced by TCCs on account of troop-cost. We, therefore, sincerely hope that the process would not lose sight of the **centrality** of the issue of troop-cost aimed at its comprehensive review in timely manner.

Mr. Chairman,

8. UN peacekeeping is an embodiment of the spirit of collective endeavor for global peace and security. It is cost effective for countries to work together toward the same ends, without overburdening any single donor country. We, therefore, must understand that reforms in the Organization can be achieved by robust and constructive engagement rather than slashing our financial contributions to the UN.

9. In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, success of UN peacekeeping is rooted in partnership and cooperation among the stakeholders. We hope that the deliberations during the resumed session will yield timely outcomes based on consensus to ensure continued success and efficacy of UN peacekeeping operations.

Thank you.