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Statement

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Implementation of GA res 67/261: TCC rates of reimbursement

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1. At the outset, the Rwandan Delegation associates itself with the statements made by the representative of Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and by the representative of Algeria on behalf of the African Group on agenda item 147 “Administrative & budgetary aspects of financing UN Peacekeeping Operations: Implementation of GA resolution 67/261: TCC Rates of reimbursement.”
2. I would like to thank USG Hervé Ladsous and USG Ameerah Haq for their constructive remarks on troop cost survey methodology and for presenting the outcome data. I would also like to thank the Chairman of the ACABQ Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, for introducing the relevant report of the Advisory Committee.
3. Rwanda welcomes the report on the results of the revised survey to establish the standard rate of reimbursement to troop contributing countries. General Assembly resolution 67/261 was a compromise delivered from long and extremely difficult negotiations to endorse the recommendations of the SAG report on a new survey methodology.

Mr. Chairman,

4. 2014 marks the tenth year that Rwanda has contributed to UN Peacekeeping operations, today we have nearly 6000 troop on the ground. Throughout this time, we have seen peacekeeping operation dynamics become more complex and multifaceted. Our troops are serving in missions with very difficult operating conditions covering a broad range of tasks. That is why my delegation attaches great importance to this agenda item; and as a major TCC, our commitment to peacekeeping is stronger than ever.
5. My delegation recalls that past surveys have not been a useful tool for the UN to make an informed decision on a new rate of reimbursement to TCCs, which was last revised in 2002. Former survey responses did not adequately reflect the needs of peacekeepers or the demands placed upon them. The data was incomplete and not adequate for comprehensive analysis and consideration. In this regard, we commend the Secretary General for a successful survey with a 100% response ratio and for preserving the confidentiality of the data collected, there cannot be any better occasion to do justice to the women and men in the field.

Mr. Chairman,

6. As one of the ten Member States who participated in the survey, we know that the process was open and transparent with constant communication with members of the Secretariat; the interaction was an important aspect to the success of the outcome. Furthermore, the field visits to the surveyed countries provided an opportunity for the Secretariat to fully comprehend the nature of troop deployment costs and were critical to producing quality data.
7. Under the new framework, five categories of costs are now rightfully recognized as a burden to Troop and Police Contributors, whereas before only two categories - Allowance and Personnel kit - were compensated. Recognizing these other three categories is a significant step forward.
8. Rwanda remains committed to deploying well-trained personnel and in this regard we underline that in addition to the five categories considered, there are still a number of costs incurred by TCCs such as post deployment inland transportation, additional medical checkups and demobilization following the end of peacekeepers' tours of duty; nonetheless, we believe the report has captured the costs based on the mandated survey.
9. In conclusion, **Mr. Chairman**, I wish to emphasize my delegation's readiness and willingness to constructively engage in negotiations in an open, inclusive and transparent manner, with the aim of reaching positive outcomes throughout our deliberations.

I thank you.