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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

1. At the outset, I would like to thank Ms Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, Assistant-Secretary-General, Controller of the office of the Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, Mr. Atul Khare, Under-Secretary-General for Field Support, Ms Carole Wainaina, Assistant-Secretary-General for Human Resources Management, Ms Carman Lapointe, Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services and Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions(ACABQ), for introducing their respective reports.

Mr. Chairman,

2. The Republic of Korea, as a troop contributing country as well as a major financial contributing country, strongly supports United Nations' policies on peace operation taken by the Secretary-General. I also would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciations to the UN peacekeepers serving in the field under dangerous and hardship circumstances.
3. Turning to the peacekeeping operation budget, I recognize that the overall level of peacekeeping budget for the financial period of 2016/17 proposed by the Secretary-General amounting to 8.25 billion dollars is slightly lower than last year despite the increasing mandates. I welcome and encourage the Secretary-General's efforts to enhance the efficiency of the organization in the principle of "doing more with less". I would like to touch upon some issues that my delegation would be interested in and intend to tackle during the session.
4. First, we will carefully examine whether financial resources are appropriately allocated to the relevant mandates. We also look forward to seeing the benefit realization stemming from various administrative reforms such as Umoja, Global Field Support Strategy (GFSS), civilian staffing review, supply chain management and so on.
5. Second, we will discuss the next step of GFSS which has been successfully completed by last year. GFSS has achieved tangible efficiency gains and improved the effectiveness of service delivery for the past 5 years. My delegation would encourage the secretariat to provide the effective options to develop the GFSS as soon as possible.

6. Third, we attach the great importance to the implementation of initiatives in the area of peace operations including High Independent Panel on Peace Operations (HIPPO) recommendations, the review of the peacebuilding architecture and the global study on women, peace and security. We need to explore how main recommendations of the initiatives could be reflected on the policy and supported by appropriate resources.

Mr. Chairman,

7. Finally, I have to place an importance on the issue of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA). It is very regrettable that allegations of SEA increased last year in spite of continuing efforts of prevention and strict treatment on case. My delegation strongly supports the long standing “Zero-tolerance” policy and the strengthening measures on SEA newly proposed by the Secretary-General.

To conclude, Mr. Chairman, my delegation will participate in the forthcoming discussion on this agenda in a constructive manner to reach the conclusion by consensus under your able leadership.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.