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ON AGENDA ITEM 145: SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE
EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to add my voice to the statement made by the Philippines (on behalf of ASEAN) and Algeria (on behalf of G77 and China) on the issue of the methodology of the peacekeeping scale of assessment.

Mr. Chairman, there is pressure by certain countries to get rid of Level C of the peacekeeping scale and to graduate all developing countries that pass the per capita income threshold to Level B. The peacekeeping finance should take into account the special circumstances of developing countries, including those with high per capital income because of their small population.

We believe that the peacekeeping scale should continue to uphold the principle of explicit and meaningful distinction between developed and developing countries, and that developing countries should not be assigned to the same level of contributions as the developed countries on the basis of their per capita income.

In this regard, we support the position of ASEAN and the G77 and China that no developing country should be categorized above level C.

Like other ASEAN countries, we are prepared to engage constructively on this agenda item.

Thank you.