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Mr. Chairperson,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this important item on the agenda. Let me reiterate my delegation's support to the statement delivered by the distinguished Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand on behalf of Group of 77 and China and United Republic of Tanzania on behalf of the African Group particularly with regard to this item. What follows is in my national capacity to reinforce the points that he has raised.

We have all commended the Secretary-General for taking a very important initiative in undertaking a comprehensive review of peace operations in all their aspects. Fifteen years after the Brahimi Report that the global security environment has significantly changed and that the world is increasingly facing complex and multiple security challenges would no doubt be an understatement. Therefore, strengthening the United Nations and its various mechanisms to effectively deal with these challenges is absolutely imperative.

In this context, the HIPPO report and the Secretary-General's implementation report have made important recommendations on strengthening the whole spectrum of United Nations Peace Operations to respond to the changing global security dynamics. The two reports in particular have underscored the need to bring politics back to the fore and invest in prevention. This is what we all

welcome and, in fact, no-brainer. What matters the most at this juncture is concrete action and my delegation believes that we need to put our money where our mouth is by allocating the necessary resources for the implementation of these recommendations.

Mr. Chairperson,

The need to strengthen the Department of Political Affairs in terms of human and financial resources is unavoidable if we really want to build the capacity of the UN in anticipating conflicts before they escalate and take early preventive action. The concrete proposal tabled by the Department for the consideration of this committee is made in line with the recommendations of the HIPPO and the SG's implementation reports to enhance its capacity in making stronger and more integrated political analysis, addressing regional dynamics, in cooperation with regional and sub-regional organizations and enhancing its early warning and good offices functions. In this context, the efforts by the Department to enhance its strategic dialogue with the African Union and its regional mechanisms has paramount importance in ensuring shared analysis in response to crises situations and also help build their capacity.

Therefore, my delegation is hopeful that this committee will leave up to the expectation by allocating adequate resources for the Department to enable it

navigate through the changing security dynamics and effectively discharge its responsibilities. This is indeed the time to match our pronouncement with action and, thus, making sure that this committee will take important steps in this direction during this session.

I thank you