

**Statement by Ambassador Nabeel Munir, DPR/Charges
d'affaires of Pakistan on the Organization of Work at the Second
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Mr. Chairman,

We align ourselves with the statement delivered by Egypt on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. Chairman,

Peacekeeping remains an indispensable tool for the international community to address the complex nature of threats to peace all over the world. Over the years, UN Peacekeeping, from Cote d'Ivoire to Sierra Leone and Liberia to Haiti to Timor-Leste, has been instrumental in achieving and sustaining peace, and returning these counties to stability.

Pakistan, as one of the largest, most consistent and reliable troop and police contributor to UN peacekeeping, has volunteered over 172,000 of its soldiers since 1960.

156 of our peacekeepers have made ultimate sacrifice for the maintenance of international peace and security.

Our commitment and resolve to serve peace will remain strong as ever. With over 6000 troops currently deployed in different Peacekeeping Operations worldwide, Pakistan is also co-host of one of the oldest Missions, the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP), that continues to monitor the Line of Control in the disputed region of Jammu and Kashmir.

We also boast a state-of-the-art Center for International Peace and Stability (CIPS). Inaugurated by the then Secretary-General Ban ki-Moon, it is a key

enabler in imparting training to our Peacekeepers and well as those from other T/PCCs.

These contributions are a true demonstration of our adherence to the ideals of the UN Charter, and a manifestation of our contributions to maintenance of international peace and security.

Mr. Chairman,

Violent conflicts continue to rage in different parts of the world, with civilian lives under threat. People are on the move due to war and persecution.

Even the lives of the Blue Helmets are not sacrosanct any more. They now come under direct attack, something that was unheard of just a few years earlier. Last year alone, we lost 59 peacekeepers to violent acts – a sharp increase from 2016, when the figure was 34.

With the changing nature of threat, UN peacekeeping is undergoing a transformation. This necessitates both wisdom and courage.

In this regard, let me highlight some specific points:

- One, the mantra of ‘doing more with less’ is neither sustainable nor does it address the complexity of the threat faced by peacekeepers of today. Adequate financing is a prerequisite to effective mandate delivery. Under-financing of the Peacekeeping Operations not only compromises safety and security of ‘Blue Helmets’ but also jeopardizes civilian lives;
- Two, Resolution A/70/246 highlights the special responsibility of the permanent members of the Security Council in maintenance of peace and security. Their contributions to finance peacekeeping therefore, have to be in keeping with their obligations;

- Three, supporting effective political engagement, promoting integrated solutions and strengthening conflict analysis are necessary for success of peacekeeping missions;
 - Four, consultations between all stakeholders remains critical. Bolstering Triangular Cooperation between TCCs, the Secretariat and members of the Security Council is necessary as well as urgent;
 - Five, a capacity driven approach is certainly welcome. Only professional training, appropriate equipment and well thought out strategies will lead to success on ground;
 - Six, introspection and mandate review exercises must be based on lessons learnt from the past reforms. We also consider accountability and transparency as important tools while implementing this agenda; and
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- Finally, proportionate with the participation of TCCs/PCCs, their representation both at the leadership and at senior levels in the field as well as at headquarters would provide them with opportunity to share experience and expertise;

Mr. Chairman,

Pakistan is proud of its active and consistent role in strengthening the cause of peace around the world. We will continue to play this vital role, as harbingers of hope and security, for those battered by the ravages of conflict and turmoil.

Thank you