



United Kingdom
Mission to the
United Nations

Statement on behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Rosie Grieves

Agenda Item 148: Administrative and budgetary aspects of financing of peacekeeping operations, Cross-cutting issues - Overview

Monday, 11 May 2020

The United Kingdom would like to thank the UN Secretariat and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for their reports.

The United Kingdom is committed to successful UN Peacekeeping which supports international peace and security. We are engaged as a troop contributor and training partner, as well as a major financial contributor. Successful UN Peacekeeping relies on effective performance in delivering mandates, and efficient management of the structures and resources which support mandate delivery.

The UK recognises that many peacekeeping operations and their host countries are experiencing impacts from the pandemic, and would like to pay tribute to the dedication of the uniformed and civilian personnel in responding to these difficult situations. We also pay tribute to the sacrifices made by Peacekeepers in the course of their important duties.

The Secretary-General's overview report on the financing of peacekeeping operations sets out a range of important cross-cutting issues relevant to UN Peacekeeping. We are interested in hearing how UN management reform is helping Missions to develop better accountability, transparency, efficiency and performance management.

The UK welcomes achievements made in support of effective Peacekeeping, and encourages further progress, consistent with a culture of continuous improvement. This requires full delivery of mandates, including in areas such as human rights, inclusive peace settlements, women's participation, protection of civilians, performance management and environmental protection. We highly commend efforts to enhance safety and security, including through technological capability, and through new standards introduced on first aid equipment and training.

In support of this culture of effectiveness, we welcome efforts to promote good budget forecasting and resource management. We note the importance of well-trained, high performing personnel. We support efforts to ensure that missions are well-integrated and support a whole-of-UN-system integrated approach in country, particularly in the context of transitions. We recognise the important role of the BOA, OIOS and UN management reforms in promoting a culture of accountability, including in relation to preventing sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment

In the current unprecedented circumstances, it is more important than ever to have effective, efficient UN Peacekeeping to aid the most vulnerable. The UK delegation regrets that this Committee has been unable to agree a cross-cutting overview resolution in recent years and looks forward to working cooperatively with other delegations towards a comprehensive agreement on cross-cutting issues this session.