

**Fifth Committee – Formal Meeting**  
**2012/13 Peacekeeping Funding Requirements**  
**Suggested Talking Points – USG for Field Support**

- It is a pleasure to be here among you today as I start my tenure as the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support.
- I can tell you that in my most recent role as Special Representative of the Secretary-General, I have witnessed first hand the increasing attention given by the Secretary-General and the Secretariat to delivering peacekeeping mandates that are increasingly complex, but with an eye to measures to ensure we improve the cost-effectiveness of our efforts.
- I have been following your deliberations over the last month. Building on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, you have successfully tackled some very challenging issues.
- We will pay close attention to all of the resolutions that the General Assembly will soon put in place, and will continue to strive to direct, manage and support peacekeeping operations in accordance with the guidance of this Committee and the General Assembly.
- On behalf of Hervé Ladsous, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping, may I convey our deep appreciation to the commitment and hard work you have shown in supporting our peacekeeping operations.
- Finally, I wish to pay tribute to my predecessor Susana Malcorra. I join you all in wishing her the very best in her new role. As I said to Susana not long ago, I know that I have big shoes to fill. As she has done before me, I pledge to do my utmost to establish a strong working relationship with this Committee. I look forward to working closely with all of you - both bilaterally and collectively in this august forum.