

**Statement by H.E. Ambassador SUL Kyung-hoon
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Report of the Senior Advisory Group**

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Mr. Chairman,

1. Let me express my sincere appreciation for your active leadership as Chairman of the 5th Committee. I am confident that your able leadership will guide us to have a very productive and satisfactory outcome in this resumed session.

2. I also would like to thank Ms. Ameerah Haq, Under-Secretary-General for Field Support, for her informative introduction of the Secretary-General's report on the Senior Advisory Group report. My appreciation also goes to Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chairman of the ACABQ, for introducing the Advisory Committee's report.

3. Having said that, Mr. Chairman, my delegation would like to commend first of all the Senior Advisory Group (SAG) for presenting a sensible proposal to the long-standing issue of the troop reimbursement rate (TRR) of the PKO. My

delegation believes that the SAG's report can serve as a solid foundation for building an "equitable, predictable, and sustainable" mechanism for TRR.

4. Now let me make some brief comments on the recommendations contained in the SAG report. First, we believe that many fresh ideas, such as a 12 month rotation period, reduced payment on the absent or non-functional contingent-owned equipment (COE), and premiums for the risk and key enablers, can all contribute to enhancing the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the PKO.

5. Second, we concur with the SAG that the new TRR should be dependent on a clear empirical basis. The PKO is the collaborative product of all Member States. Some Member States contribute by sending troops and others by providing financial resources. In this regard, the importance of collecting the actual, accurate and reliable information regarding the costs cannot be overemphasized. We urge the Secretariat to conduct an objective and expeditious survey and analysis in line with the recommendations of the SAG.

6. Third, with regard to the additional resource requirements for the continuation of the supplementary payment until 30 June 2014, we believe that this should be mainly financed through enhanced efficiency and effectiveness of the PKO. For instance, a good sum of efficiency gains can be achieved through prolonging the troop rotation period and implementing the Global Field Support Strategy (GFSS), among others.

7. Finally, we are of the view that the SAG's recommendations should be endorsed as a package. The recommendations are the results of the hard work and compromise of all members of the SAG. As such, they reflect the delicate balance of all stakeholders' positions.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.