



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA
BY MR. SAINIVALATI S. NAVOTI, (CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I), PERMANENT
MISSION OF FIJI TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AT THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE
FIFTH COMMITTEE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 146:
ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE
UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS, AT THE SECOND PART OF
THE RESUMED SIXTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(New York, 6 May 2013)**

Mr. Chairman,

I take the floor on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The G77 expresses its gratitude to all the colleagues and partners of the 5th Committee for the efforts throughout the SAG negotiations. A very special thanks is due as well to the 5th Committee Chair Amb. Miguel Berger of Germany for his able stewardship in facilitating these negotiations, including through the extension of negotiations beyond the allocated time.

Mr. Chairman,

The issues contained in the report of Secretary-General's Senior Advisory Group on troop-cost reimbursement rates and related issues are integral to the future of UN peacekeeping. The ensuing negotiations were, therefore, unavoidably passionate, arduous, and long. It is therefore, Mr. Chair, all the more commendable that it is through your efforts that we find ourselves today at the adoption of this resolution.

Mr. Chairman,

The G77 and China, however, expresses its strong reservation against the purported linkage in the SAG report between the status of the contingent owned equipments and the troop-reimbursements. The Group considers that this linkage has no legal basis. The Group expresses that the provisions of the resolution under consideration constitute a compromise aimed at resolving the longstanding impasse on the issue of troop-cost reimbursement rates and its larger reform process. The Group believes that this compromise shall not be the legal basis for the said linkage, which the group does not accept.

The Group has nonetheless supported the adoption of the present resolution in a spirit of compromise, in order to allow the peacekeeping reform process to move forward, on the basis of the interpretation placed on record this morning by the USG DFS (and as was reflected in her letter of 3 May, 2013) with regard to the implementation of its provisions, as well as the understanding placed before the plenary by the Chair of the Committee in his statement introducing the resolution.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, the Group congratulates you and all members for the conclusion of this matter.

Thank you.