

Statement by Pakistan on Agenda item 149 ‘Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Results of the survey to support the review of the standard rate of reimbursement to troop- and police-contributing countries’ at First Resumed Part of Fifth Committee

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Mr. Chairman,

Pakistan associates itself with the statement made by Egypt on behalf of G-77 and China.

Let me thank Mr. Rick Martin, Director of Field Budget of DFS for the introduction of the Secretary-General’s report. I would also like to thank the Vice-Chair of the ACABQ, Mr. Babou-Sen for introducing the related report of the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Chairman,

The General Assembly adopted a landmark resolution 67/261 which endorsed the methodology proposed by the Senior Advisory Group (SAG) for ensuring an effective, equitable and predictable reimbursement system that contributes to attracting well-trained, properly equipped troops and formed police for service in the United Nations Peacekeeping Operation.

I would also like to thank the Secretariat for conducting survey in Pakistan for the determination of Troop Reimbursement rate to TCC/PCCs.

We also express our appreciation to all other TCCs/PCCS that participated in the survey process to facilitate General Assembly’s consideration of this important agenda item.

Mr. Chairman,

Pakistan is proud to be one of the largest and most consistent contributors to UN peacekeeping, having served in 41 Mission in 23 countries since 1960. We currently have over 6000 personnel deployed in different peacekeeping operations.

Mr. Chairman,

On the Secretary-General’s report, my delegation will request to get further clarification and put some suggestions in the following manner:

- How the data from the sampling countries for the determination of common denominator for increasing reimbursement rate was used to come up with new base figure of \$14,27;
- While female peacekeepers participation is increasing in the UN Peacekeeping Operation. There is need to factor in the cost associated on female contingents in the troop reimbursement rate;

- Also there is need to factor in the 'other costs' while determining the troop reimbursement rate.

Mr. Chairman,

Peacekeeping always entails risk. Since 1948, more than 3,500 personnel have lost their lives serving in UN peace operations with 943 due to acts of violence. During the past four years, there is a consistent increase in peacekeepers' fatalities due to violent acts resulting in 195 deaths.

Of the total fatalities, 156 of Pakistani Peacekeepers have made the ultimate sacrifice in line of duty. Their contributions and sacrifices is the demonstration of our commitment to adhere principles of the UN Charter.

The recently released Cruz report also substantiates these facts.

Mr. Chairman,

In this regard, my delegation expresses concern that the review of Death and Disability has not taken place since 2009. After lapse of several years and exponential rise in the fatalities in the UN Peacekeeping Missions urge us to take a conscious decision on the increase in Death and Disability compensation package.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation aims to consider this agenda item in a holistic manner during the second resumed session of the 5C and assure you of constructive engagement during the Session.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.