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Statement by Counselor Daopeng FU of the Chinese Mission at the Second Resumed Session of the Fifth Committee of the 73rd GA on the Organization of Work

May 6, 2019

Madam Chair,

The Chinese delegation would like to thank you, Madam Chair, the Bureau members, Sharon VAN BUERLE and her team of the Fifth Committee Secretariat and ACABQ for the preparation of the second resumed session of the Fifth Committee. For the organizational work of this meeting, we associate with the statement made by the Palestinian representative on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and we would like to add the following comments:

First, UN peacekeeping operations are an important instrument of maintaining international peace and security. China is a staunch supporter and participant in UN peacekeeping operations. It is the second largest financial contributor and a major troop contributor to peacekeeping operations. At present, there are more than 2,500 peacekeepers from China performing peacekeeping tasks in eight mission areas. My delegation would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to all UN peacekeepers.

Second, finance serves as the foundation of and an important element underpinning the United Nations governance. Peacekeeping budget is the material basis and important guarantee for the UN peacekeeping operations to execute their mandates. The proposed 2019/2020 peacekeeping budget,

which reflects the eight priority areas identified in the Declaration of Shared Commitments on UN Peacekeeping Operations, is \$6.637 billion in total, a reduction for 4 consecutive years since the 2015/2016 financial year. China believes that when reviewing the peacekeeping budget, we should follow the principle of basing ourselves on facts and prudence, avoiding cuts for the sake of cuts that can only get us into the "cutting traps" and ensuring necessary financial resources for the peacekeeping missions to fully implement their mandates from Security Council resolutions. At the same time, there should be strict financial discipline, tightened budgetary control and strengthened budgetary supervision so that budgetary performance can be effectively improved and every penny by taxpayers of member states is well-managed and well-spent.

Third, UN peacekeeping budget is faced with severe challenges. On the one hand, insufficient cash flow in peacekeeping budget has, to a certain extent, impacted the performance of the peacekeeping missions. On the other hand, increased delays in reimbursement to the TCCs and PCCs have further exacerbated the financial burden borne by theses countries. The key to easing the peacekeeping budgetary situation is the timely payment of assessed contributions by Member States. As the second largest financial contributor to the peacekeeping budget and a responsible developing country, China has paid all its peacekeeping assessments in full. China calls on all member states, especially those with the capacity to do so, to pay their peacekeeping assessment in full, on time, and without conditions, and support the UN cause with actions.

Madam Chair,

The Chinese delegation will actively work with other member states and take part in the consultations on various agenda items in a constructive manner. We look forward to concluding all agenda items on time and smoothly.

Thank you, Madam Chair.



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中国常驻联合国代表团 傅道鹏参赞在第 73 届联大五委第二次续会 关于会议组织工作的发言 (2019年5月6日, 第三会议室)

主席女士:

中国代表团感谢主席女士、主席团成员、五委秘书处 Sharon 团队以及行政和预算问题咨询委员会为准备五委第二 次续会所做工作。对于本次会议组织工作, 我们支持巴勒斯坦 代表"77 国集团和中国"所作的发言,并愿补充以下意见:

- 一、联合国维和行动是维护国际和平与安全的重要手段。 中国是联合国维和行动的坚定支持者和参与者,是第二大维和 摊款出资国,也是维和行动主要出兵国。目前中国约有2500 余名维和人员在8个任务区执行维和任务。借此机会,中国代 表团对所有联合国维和人员表示崇高的敬意!
 - 二、财政是联合国治理的基础和重要支柱。维和预算是联

合国维和行动履行授权的物质基础和重要保障。2019/2020年维和预算反映了《联合国维和行动共同承诺宣言》确定的八个优先领域,拟议预算总额 66.37 亿美元,自 2015/2016 财年以来连续 4 年呈下降趋势。中方认为,审核维和预算,既要本着实事求是、科学审慎的原则,避免为了削减而削减,陷入"削减陷阱",为维和团充分履行安理会决议授权提供必需的财政资源;也要严格财务纪律,硬化预算约束,加强预算监管,提高预算绩效,切实管好用好会员国纳税人缴纳的每一分钱。

三、联合国维和预算状况面临严峻挑战。一方面,维和预算现金流动性不足,一定程度上影响了维和团履行授权;另一方面,联合国拖欠出兵(警)国补偿款增加,加重了出兵(警)国的财政负担。缓解维和预算现状的关键是会员国及时缴纳摊款。作为维和预算第二大出资国和负责任的发展中国家,中方足额缴纳了各项维和摊款。中方呼吁全体会员国特别是具有支付能力的国家,应及时、足额、无条件缴纳维和摊款,以实际行动支持联合国事业。

主席女士,

中国代表团将积极与其他会员国一道,以建设性姿态参与各议题磋商,期待能按时、顺利完成各项议程。

谢谢主席女士。