

**Statement by Haseeb Gohar, Second Secretary on the
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Madam Chair,

We align ourselves with the statement just delivered by State of Palestine on behalf of the G-77 and China.

The United Nations embodies mankind's aspiration for peace and the UN Peacekeeping Operations, under its Charter, remains an indispensable tool to end violence.

As we shall mark 71st International Day of Peacekeeping soon, I wish to express my deep gratitude to more than one million men and women who have braved the challenge of ending conflict under the UN flag with exemplary courage.

We also honour more than 3800 blue helmets, including 156 from my own country, who made ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Madam Chair,

Pakistan has been steadfast in promoting principles and purposes of the UN Charter by maintaining peace and security across the World.

We are proud to be one of the longest serving and largest contributors to the UN peacekeeping, having its peacekeepers in 46 missions in 28 countries since 1960.

Pakistan was also the first country which embraced Secretary-General's initiative on Action for Peacekeeping (A4P): a declaration of shared commitment to strengthen UN Peacekeeping Operations.

Our female peacekeepers have already made a mark and proved themselves, alongside their male counterparts. One such example is Shahzadi Gulfam, the first ever recipient of the UN's International Female Police Peacekeeper's Award in 2011.

Pakistan also recently achieved the goal of deployment of 15% female staff officers in the UN Peacekeeping Missions.

Our dedicated Center for International Peace and Stability (CIPS) has been at the forefront to impart specialized courses to the Peacekeepers to better educate them on current challenges e.g. protection of civilians from Sexual exploitation and abuse; Protection of Civilians (PoC), etc.

We also champion to co-host one of the oldest Peacekeeping Mission, the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP), which continue to monitor Line of Control in the disputed territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Madam Chair,

UN Peacekeeping is an effective way to preserve peace. To make it 'fit for purpose' and 'relevant for all', my delegation wishes to make five points:

One, the United Nations embodies collective aspiration to a rules-based multilateral system. No country or an organization alone can address myriad facets of challenges which the world faces today.

As the Secretary General warned us recently, while global challenges are becoming more and more 'integrated', our responses are getting more and more 'fragmented'.

In our increasingly interconnected world, the international cooperation is not an option but is the only solution to address these challenges.

Two, 'Achieving more with less' is untenable. As of March 2019, an amount of \$265 million is payable to troop and police contributing countries. This requires redressal. We need to act credibly to provide adequate resources to missions to effectively carry out their diverse mandates.

Three, bolstering triangular cooperation between troop contributing countries, Security Council and the Secretariat is more relevant than ever before. Such cooperation should not be limited to only mandates formulation but also be extended to its implementation, review or any change.

Four, a credible UN is to make a more democratic UN, representing interests and views of small, medium and all States.

Therefore, we support Secretary-General's proposal of Troop Contribution as an additional factor in the revision of the desirable ranges as well as representation of TCCs in the relevant departments dealing with peacekeeping. This will go a long way towards reducing disparities.

Five, fostering political but inclusive solutions to the disputes remain critical. Thus, clearly defined mandates would make this task easy.

Madam Chair,

We share our perspective as a major stakeholder and a leader on the subject. Pakistan is proud of its active and constructive role in strengthening the cause of peace across the world. We will continue to play this vital role, as harbingers of hope and security, for those battered by ravages of conflict and turmoil.

Pakistan stands ready to join hands with all international community to make UN Peacekeeping more effective.

Thank you.