

## Statement by

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#### Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Indonesia would like to align itself with the statement delivered by the Republic of Guinea on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. Chair,

At the outset my delegation would like to extend our utmost respect to the men and women who serve at the United Nations peacekeeping missions across the globe. Particularly during this uncertain and challenging time, my delegation would like to commend peacekeepers who continue making contribution, to make the world a more peaceful place to live, despite alarming conditions amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Mr. Chair.

Indonesia is a longstanding and consistent contributor of peacekeeping operation. There are currently around 2,800 Indonesian personnel, including 185 women peacekeepers, serving in 8 missions. As a major Troop and Police Contributing Countries, Indonesia will remain committed to supporting peacekeeping and making it more effective.

Therefore, in the opening of the second part of the resumed seventy-fifth session today, Indonesia would like to draw your attention to several points:

**<u>First</u>**, Despite of our global effort, and all the achievement that we have attained to tackle the pandemic, COVID-19 is still a significant threat for us. The pandemic has made the work of peacekeeping missions more challenging and posed serious risk to the safety and security of peacekeepers. We therefore urge all member states to factor these risks throughout our discussion in all agenda item pertaining to peacekeeping operations.

<u>Second</u>, it is of utmost imperative that budget and resources are allocated in accordance with the mandate of the mission. It is unrealistic to expect peacekeeping missions to fulfill their mandate without providing the necessary and adequate financial resources. Lack of resources will not only affect peacekeeping performance but also risk the safety and security of peacekeepers.

<u>Third</u>, timely reimbursement is crucial for Troop and Police Contributing Countries to maintain their operational capability and sustain their long-term contribution to peacekeeping operation. We urge the timely payment of reimbursement by the Secretariat. We also urge the increase in the rate of reimbursement to adjust with the increasing cost of deploying troop and equipment to the missions.

<u>Fourth</u>, Indonesia calls for greater representation of Troop and Police Contributing Countries both at the headquarters and the missions, including in terms of leadership

positions. The selection and appointment of leadership position in peacekeeping missions should be based on merit and give due regard to their longstanding contribution and track record. In line with GA Resolution 70/305, we also expect the Secretariat to take concrete measures to end any monopoly on the leadership positions in peacekeeping missions and make conscious efforts to diversify the leadership.

### Mr. Chair,

Indonesia hopes that 5<sup>th</sup> committee can reach consensus and common grounds in all of our deliberations in this second resumed session.

I thank you