

Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Korea

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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, my delegation would like to thank you for your able leadership. The first part of the 75th session was concluded with success thanks to your active engagement. I would also like to express my appreciation for the cooperation of Member States as well as the support from the Secretariat and the ACABQ.

My delegation would like to reaffirm our strong support for UN peacekeeping operations. In line with our strong commitment, the Government of the Republic of Korea is honored to host the “2021 United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial” in Seoul this December in order to mobilize our concerted efforts toward enhanced international peace and security.

Mr. Chair,

We believe that UN peacekeeping operations should be funded appropriately for the successful implementation of their mandates, while ensuring effectiveness, efficiency, and budget accountability.

This is the second session devoted to discussing the PKO budget since the outbreak of the pandemic. My delegation greatly appreciates all the peacekeepers who have been struggling to deliver their mandate while combating additional challenges caused by COVID-19. Keeping this in mind, we should make sure that relevant areas are adequately funded to minimize the pandemic’s negative impact on the mandate’s implementation of peacekeeping operations. This should be done in tandem with looking at areas where we can increase effectiveness and efficiency. Best practices, or even poor practices that have been observed during this special situation, could enrich our ability to adjust to any new challenges. Technology could also be a key enhancer and enabler in peace operations. In this context, my delegation would like to take note of the lessons learned from the remote auditing of peacekeeping operations and the use of the Umoja system by the Board of Auditors.

We attach great importance to cross-cutting issues to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of peacekeeping operations. My delegation is concerned that a resolution on cross-cutting issues has been deferred for several years. My delegation looks forward to reaching a consensus and to providing the Secretariat with clear guidelines in this area.

In particular, bearing in mind the Assembly's commitment to the zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse throughout the UN system, my delegation appreciates the Secretary-General's efforts in combating sexual exploitation and abuse in PKO missions, which is critical to the credibility of PKO activities.

Also, we wish to highlight the importance of Secretary-General's commitment to increase the use of renewable energy to 80% by 2030. The use of renewable energy in the PKO missions will reduce not only environmental impacts in the field but also the high level of energy costs of the missions.

Mr. Chair,

To reach a fruitful outcome in a timely manner in this session, my delegation looks forward to working closely with you and all members of the Committee in a positive and constructive manner. I thank you. /END/