

**Statement by Mr. Md. Monwar Hossain, Deputy Permanent  
Representative of Bangladesh to the UN at the  
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Organization of Work  
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**Mr. Chair,**

I thank you for giving me the floor. Bangladesh aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Group of 77 and China. Allow me to highlight a few other issues in my national capacity.

**Mr. Chair,**

Peacekeeping remains a critical tool for the United Nations in the advancement of global peace and security. Bangladesh attaches highest importance to these initiatives and has long been at the forefront of the UN peacekeeping and peacebuilding efforts. At present, Bangladesh is the leading TPCC with more than 6500 peacekeepers deployed in 9 peacekeeping missions. Till now, 160 valiant Bangladesh peacekeepers have laid down their lives in the line of duty for maintaining global peace and security.

The contribution of Bangladesh to the global peace initiatives has been duly recognized by the international community and recently we have been elected as the Chair of UN Peacebuilding Commission. The Second Resumed session of the Administrative and Budgetary Committee is very important for us as it discusses the budget issues of the UN peace keeping Missions. You can count on our full support, cooperation, and engagement during the session for the advancement of a consensus-based outcome.

**Mr. Chair,**

Timely provision of sufficient amount of finance is critical for the success of any operation. Increased delays in reimbursement to the TCCs/PCCs often exacerbate their financial burdens. Hence, we urge all member states to pay their peacekeeping assessment in full and on time to provide appropriate logistical supports for the blue helmets.

At the same time, we request the Secretariat to continue to strengthen the comprehensive budgetary performance, improve internal control and rigorously enforce financial discipline. We need to enforce the recommendations of the Board of Auditors to improve budgetary management of the peace keeping missions. However, this should not become a mechanical cost-cutting exercise. Rather, we must ensure that the approval of the peacekeeping operations budgets is based on their mandates and the real situation on the ground.

**Mr. Chair,**

Even during the devastations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic the peacekeepers carried out their mandates with highest level of professionalism and integrity. We must understand the demanding and challenging conditions faced by the peacekeepers on the ground and must do everything necessary to maintain their safety and security. The "Action for Peace" initiative of the UN Secretary-General can provide us with necessary guidance in this regard.

The prevalent security and socio-economic conditions necessitate a realignment of peacekeeping mission mandates to include tasks that were

traditionally not assigned to peacekeepers. It has also become critical that peacekeeping operations need to be infused with peacebuilding elements to reinforce resilience and enhance the capacity of security and governance institutions of the host countries.

We must also continue to invest in our collective efforts towards full, effective, and meaningful participation of women at all peacekeeping levels and positions. We need to ensure their representation in senior leadership position by following the guidelines of Security Council Resolution 2538. I am happy to inform that increased participation of women in peacekeeping missions has been made a key strategic objective of the National Action Plan on WPS in Bangladesh.

**Mr. Chair,**

I wish to conclude by reiterating once again the unwavering commitment of Bangladesh to the UN led peacekeeping and peacebuilding efforts.

I thank you all.