Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Korea at the Second Resumed Part of the 76th Session of the Fifth Committee Organization of Work May 4, 2022

Mr. Chair,

At the outset, my delegation would like to express our deep appreciation for your able leadership. The First Resumed Part of the 76th Session was concluded with success thanks to your active engagement. I would also like to express gratitude to Member States for their cooperation as well as the Secretariat and the ACABQ for their support.

My delegation reaffirms our strong support for UN peacekeeping operations. The "2021 United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial" was successfully held in Seoul last December, mobilizing our concerted efforts toward enhanced international peace and security.

Mr. Chair,

Having faced challenges caused by COVID-19 for more than two years, we are on the verge of another global crisis due to the situation in Ukraine, which is causing an unexpected and sharp increase in fuel and food prices. These increased prices may impact PKO operations and strain their budget spending, consequently endangering UN's utmost role of maintaining and restoring international peace and security.

The Republic of Korea believes that UN peacekeeping operations should be funded appropriately for the successful implementation of their mandates. This should be done in tandem with looking at areas where we can increase effectiveness, efficiency and budget accountability.

Korea also attaches importance to cross-cutting issues to further improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of peacekeeping operations. We should always bear in mind the Assembly's commitment to the zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse throughout the UN system and ensure the implementation of this policy in PKO missions as well. My delegation looks forward to reaching a consensus on cross-cutting issues after several years of deferral, so that the Secretariat can be provided with clear guidelines.

With respect to the recommendations of the Board of Auditors in its capacity as an independent auditor, it is also important to thoroughly review the guidelines and management of resources, including human resources, for all drawdown and liquidation activities after the end of a mission's mandate.

When the Peacebuilding and sustaining peace is increasingly becoming central to the work of the United Nations, it is important to ensure adequate, predictable and sustained financing for the peacebuilding. Appreciating the Secretary-General's proposal for the peacebuilding fund, we hope we can advance his idea with further discussion.

Mr. Chair.

My delegation shares its commitment to working closely with the members of the Committee in a positive and constructive manner. I greatly look forward to reaching a fruitful outcome in a timely manner in this session.

I thank you. /END/