



Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine to the UN at the UNGA Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) on Agenda item 56 “Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects” (November 2021)

Mr. Chairperson,

Ukraine would like to reiterate its confidence that the peacekeeping remains one of the UN most valuable assets and efficient tools to respond to the situations of conflict and other security threats and challenges.

Ukraine has been a committed partner of the UN in peacekeeping activities ever since the very renewal of its independence. Despite being compelled now to defend its independence and territorial integrity from the Russian armed aggression, Ukraine remains an active contributor to the UN peacekeeping, sending its military, police and civilian personnel and assets to UN peacekeeping missions throughout the globe. Today more than 300 “blue helmets”, including women, represent Ukraine in 6 PKOs.

We fully share the view that lasting peace is achieved not through military but political solution. Therefore, my country will continue its active participation in the UN peace operations, seeking for options to strengthen its contribution and to expand its geographical representation.

We believe that PKOs could provide adequate conditions on the ground for advancing a respective peace process. PKOs could and should ensure also security and safety of civilians, including stopping illegal inflow of weapons and mercenaries.

Therefore, Ukraine strongly supports collective efforts in order to make UN peacekeeping operations more efficient and up-to-date to the contemporary challenges to international peace and security and expects the implementation of A4P+ to be followed with solid practical results.

First of all, it concerns strategic force generation, including such critical and high mobility assets as aviation units as any PKO should rely on an appropriate force generation to be able to deliver on its mandate devised by the Security Council.

Our efforts should also aim at developing intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance capacities and reducing the operations footprint on environment, ensuring proper training for personnel, eradication of the scourge of sexual exploitation and abuse, as well taking active and concerted measures to enhance the safety and security of peacekeepers, including with regard to pandemic-related challenges.

It is evident also that the United Nations should continue to build and enhance its strategic partnership with regional organizations and work alongside with them sharing its unique experience in peacekeeping activities. We welcome close cooperation and partnership that the

UN established with European Union and African Union, among others. We also see potential in strengthening interaction with the OSCE.

In line with the spirit of our joint Declaration we see a vital role of the Secretary-General in carrying out his responsibilities in accordance with Article 99 of the UN Charter. We consider necessary to fully use the potential of assessment missions on the ground in order to provide the Security Council with objective and comprehensive information, as well as appropriate recommendations regarding options for the deployment of the mission and elements of its mandate.

There is also a need to develop further the triangular dialogue among the Security Council, TCCs/PCCs and the Secretariat, first of all by enhancing formal and informal consultations during establishment or renewal of PKOs' mandates.

We also support the vision that PKOs should not be used as a substitute for addressing the root causes of conflict. Moreover, UN peace activities require a tailored approach, which takes due account to the root causes of conflict. This is particularly important in case of inter-State conflicts.

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In conclusion, the delegation of Ukraine would like to reiterate its confidence that the peacekeeping remains one of the UN most valuable assets and efficient tools to respond to the situations of conflict and other most daunting security threats and challenges. Ukraine will remain a reliable partner in the United Nations peacekeeping endeavour.

I thank you, Mr.Chairperson.