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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 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.

At the same time, we consider that the avenues for improvement have yet to be explored. We welcome therefore the commitment to improve accountability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness in the performance of the UN peacekeeping operations, as envisaged in the resolution 2378 (2017). Ukraine was among the first states to endorse the A4P Declaration of Shared Commitments on UN Peacekeeping Operations and expects this ambitious roadmap will continue to be followed with solid practical results.

First of all, it concerns strategic force generation, including 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.

We remind as well that the Member States, which endorsed the Declaration, have committed to take active and concerted measures to enhance the safety and security of peacekeepers. Ukraine considers that this task has to be addressed as one of the priority ones, especially against the backdrop of the health challenges stemming from COVID-19.

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.

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