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ON AGENDA ITEM 32:  
COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE WHOLE QUESTION OF  
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN ALL ITS ASPECT**

**AT THE FOURTH COMMITTEE OF THE 60TH SESSION  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK**

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Mr. Chairman,

1. Let me begin by expressing our appreciation to Mr. Jean-Marie Guehenno, the Under-Secretary General of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, for his comprehensive presentation that facilitated our interactive dialogue last Thursday. We would also like to commend the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO) for its tireless efforts and dedication in seeking new and innovative ways towards improving the capacity of the UN Peacekeeping operations in all its aspects.

Mr. Chairman,

2. My delegation aligns itself with the statement made earlier by the distinguished representative of Morocco on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, which outlined the general position and views of the Movement (NAM) on many issues under this agenda item. However, I would like to highlight a few points of special interest to my delegation.

3. Let me first underline that we firmly support the central role of the UN in the maintenance of international peace and security. We consider the UN peacekeeping operation as an indispensable instrument that has contributed immensely to the resolutions of many armed conflicts both in the context of

interstate and intra-state conflicts. We feel that among the many roles of the United Nations, peace keeping is one of the most crucial areas in which this Organization can take pride in being able to deliver, to a certain extent, to the expectations of the international community. At the same time we are mindful of the daunting responsibility being placed on this Organization and the desire of this Organization to be able to do more in order to secure durable and sustainable peace in the affected countries. It is therefore pertinent that members of the United Nations continue to provide firm and unwavering support especially in the area of human and financial resources to ensure the successful implementation of peacekeeping operations. We must all be reminded that it would not be possible to have economic and social progress without peace and stability and the primary responsibility to ensure peace and stability in our respective country rests, first and foremost, with our own government.

Mr. Chairman,

4. Although the United Nations have been involved in peacekeeping activities for more than four decades and could claim to have a wealth of experience in the area, however, in view of the emerging multi-dimensional nature and complexity of some of the new and current conflicts, peacekeeping operations often serve a continuous challenge to the Organization. It would be impossible for the United Nations to meet these challenges without the genuine commitment and support of all UN agencies, member states, regional organization, NGOs and donor countries.

5. In this regards my delegation fully support the implementation mechanism established by the UNDPKO to create synergy between efforts made by the Department and those of other entities of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental entities, towards increasing the benefits of the collective efforts. The willingness to shift from traditional peacekeeping operations to multi-dimensional tasks is a manifestation of our maturity and pragmatism driven by our concern and commitment to respond and address the increasingly sophisticated and complex peacekeeping operations. In this connection my delegation fully supports the strengthening of the Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit to enable it to play a more active role in the development of generic guidelines, procedures and best practices for current and future use in peacekeeping operations.

Mr. Chairman,

6. The current surge in UN peacekeeping is approaching what may become their highest level ever. The efforts to increase the capacity and capability of the UN would certainly improve the prospects for conflict resolution but it must be borne in mind that it is also stretching thin the available resources of the UN system. In this regard, my delegation wishes to reiterate our calls upon member states to not only increase their voluntary contribution but to actively participate

and contribute peacekeeping troops, staff officers or military observers for this anticipated surge. It is important that all member states, in particular the developed countries that possess well-equipped and well-trained military personnel, to actively contribute to increase the capability of the UN in meeting the current surge in the demand for UN peacekeeping operations. In this connection we would like to echo the call that member states, especially the related developed countries, to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without conditions.

7. On the same note, my delegation reiterates its strong view that for peacekeeping operations to be successful appropriate attention must also be given to the need to reform and restructure UNDPKO where necessary. With the current trend pointing to the upsurge in peacekeeping activities the need to evaluate the efficacy of UNDPKO to cope with their increasing work load and the existing limited resources would be inevitable.

Mr. Chairman,

8. Malaysia recognizes the usefulness and supports the cooperation between the United Nations and regional entities in peacekeeping in accordance with Chapter VIII of the Charter. In order for such cooperation to be feasible we are of the view that the United Nations should continue to provide all the necessary support through its larger membership, including advisory, logistic and financial support towards enhancing the capacities of regional organizations or arrangements in peace-making, peacekeeping and peace-building activities. However, it is imperative to ensure that missions undertaken on a regional basis are governed by the basic principles of peacekeeping, in full conformity with the UN Charter and the involvement of regional solutions would not absolved the UN of its responsibility.

Mr. Chairman,

9. The Government of Malaysia is constantly reviewing its position with a view to assess the best possible ways and means to effectively contribute in the work of the UNDPKO and to consider our participation in future UN peacekeeping missions. Although the total number of our personnel participating in UN peacekeeping missions is less than what it used to be in the past, this does not in any way a reflection of a diminishing commitment to the peacekeeping activities of the UN. We are currently actively involved in nine UN peacekeeping missions by providing military observers and staff officers. At the same time, in responding to the increasing demand for civilian police deployment, Malaysia has continued to provide competent and well-trained police officers to this component. As a member of the UN Standby Arrangement

System, Malaysia is also ready to meet our obligations in the form of making available a troop contingent whenever they are required.

Mr. Chairman,

10. Finally, my delegation wishes to join others in offering our high tribute and honors the memory of those who have made their supreme sacrifice in the service of the United Nations and for the noble cause of peace. We strongly condemn the continued attack and act of violence against such personnel. The security and safety of all peacekeeping personnel should be our collective concern. The cooperation between the new Department of Safety and Security and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in the framework of the unified security management system must be further strengthen and better developed to manage and prevent threats both in the headquarters and in the field. In this regards the Joint Mission Analysis Cell needs to be fully functioning to reinforce the information gathering capacity of the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

Mr. Chairman,

11. Let me end my statement by reiterating that Malaysia will continue to uphold its commitment towards collective attainment of global peace through its unwavering support to the central role of United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.