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Mr. Chairman,

1. Allow me first to take this opportunity to congratulate Nigeria for its continuing commitment to chair this important Committee. We are indeed pleased at seeing you in the chair. Our congratulation also goes to the other members of the bureau. We are confident that under your able leadership and guidance, and the support of the bureau, you will be able to steer the work of the Committee to a successful conclusion. In the same token we also wish to congratulate and welcome the new Chairman of the C34 Working Group, H.E. Amb. Gilbert Laurin, the Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada. My delegation would also like to reiterate our support and cooperation to you and to all other delegations in ensuring the success of this Committee.

2. Let me also state at the outset that my delegation fully support the statement made by the distinguished representative of Morocco that outlined the general position of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) on peacekeeping operations and its related issues. Nevertheless, my delegation would like to make a few remarks, in our national capacity, in recognition of the central role of the UN in the maintenance of international peace and security and the use of peacekeeping operations to achieve its objectives.

Mr. Chairman,

3. We thank the Under Secretary General, Mr. Jean-Marie Guehenno for his report on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations as contained in document A/60/640 and his comprehensive and visionary statement delivered this morning. We welcome the proposals in an agenda of five priority areas referred to in the Secretary General's report namely; partnerships, doctrine, people, organization and resources in meeting the current and future challenges of UN Peacekeeping operation. My delegation looks forward to examine and discuss those priorities in greater depth with other members of the committee.

Mr. Chairman,

4. The current surge in UN peacekeeping that has thinly stretched the capacities of the UN system calls for a serious international dialogue and collaboration through genuine partnership. Only through increase international cooperation can the United Nations develop its resources

and ability to assist in ending conflict or control recurring conflict situations, hence improving the prospects for conflict resolution.

5. In this context, my delegation would like to express our supports for the involvement and contribution of regional organizations or arrangements in peacekeeping, where appropriate and feasible, in accordance with Chapter VIII of the United Nations Charter. It is imperative to ensure that the integration of all parts of the UN system must be devoted to the common goal of bringing about peace with due attention to be given to the local authority and greater transparency. Hence, such regional or sub-regional arrangements should not in anyway diminish or absolves the sovereignty of any state and its ownership. My delegation wishes to recommend that an effective and efficient mechanism need to be installed both at the headquarters and in the field in order to carefully coordinate and manage the arrangement for operational linkages with regional and sub-regional organizations.

6. At this stage, collective effort in moving forward this initiative needs to place its priority and particular emphasis to the enhancement of the regional organization capacity to enable it to function in the most effective and efficient manner. It is also imperative to ensure that missions undertaken on a regional basis are governed by the principle and guidelines for regional arrangement, in full conformity with the UN Charter. In this regard my delegation welcomes the proposal on the creation within the Department of Peacekeeping operations a dedicated full-time capacity serving as a single focal point of contact for the AU and other partners with a view for further clarification and discussion on its concept, role and capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

7. Peacekeeping operations today have become more complex and demanding. They have obviously expanded from the traditional role of peacekeeping to include law and order, civilian policing, human rights monitoring and electoral support. In this regard, peacekeeper has become increasingly susceptible to threats and violent poses by the belligerents. Recent attacks and violent acts against peacekeepers and other UN personnel, intrusion into UN compound, buildings and facilities, demonstration and protest against UN peacekeeper's presence has exposed peacekeepers today to operate in a high intensity security environment and performing their duties in increasingly volatile and dangerous situation.

8. The security and safety of United Nations staff and associated personnel must be given the utmost priority. Peacekeepers are practically serving in the interest of the international community at large. It is critical to ensure that peacekeepers are provided with the mandates, resources, and safety and security to be effective in performing their tasks. It is equally important to stress the need to ensure clarity between mandates, resources and objectives in the formulation and implementation of mission mandates. Whilst significant improvement have been attained in the Secretariat in strengthening the cooperation between the new Department of Safety and Security and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the United Nations must ensure that this capacity is fully operational to manage and prevent threats both in the headquarters and in the field. The Joint Mission Analysis Cell needs to be fully functioning to provide timely field intelligence and to reinforce the information gathering capacity of the headquarters at all level and the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations. The

Department of Public Information need to increase its work through its integrated communication strategy to inform about the role and responsibilities of the peacekeepers and promotes the benefits of their presence in local communities.

9. My delegation wishes to take this opportunity to pay tributes to the courage and sacrifice of the personnel who have lost their lives in the service of world's peace. We condemn in the strongest term the violent attacks and killing of all UN personnel in peacekeeping missions.

Mr. Chairman,

10. My delegation fully acknowledges that peacekeeping operations today have brought new scope and dimension in regards to the standard and conduct of peacekeeping operation. This requires the deployment of peacekeepers that are well trained and capable in handling cross cutting issues and delicate situations. In this regard, my delegation continues to supports the strengthening of the Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit both in term of capacities and financial 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.

11. It is important that these guidelines, procedures and best practices to be translated into standard strategic, operational and tactical doctrines for members of the TCC, mission and staff in the field. This will undoubtedly ensure that the standard and quality of training be standardized, maintained and monitored. In undertaking this initiative, it is important for the Unit to consult with research institutions, organizations, peacekeeping training centers and the Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) in order to tap their vast knowledge and valuable experiences in the conduct of peacekeeping operations.

12. A joint effort between the unit and other peacekeeping training center can be establish to assist the unit in developing new doctrines, reviewing existing doctrines and validation of standards. In order to develop a good validation mechanism for lessons learned and good practices, regular meetings and seminars with the participation of the former force commanders, national contingent commanders, including battalion commanders need to be planned.

Lastly, Mr. Chairman,

13. My delegation joins others to strongly condemn the act of sexual exploitation and abuse by military, civilian police and civilian peacekeeping personnel. Such act of gross misconduct is a smudge on the good name of the military, civilian police and civilian personnel and has tarnished the reputation and the credibility of the Department in managing United Nation peacekeeping missions. My delegation supports a zero tolerance policy on this issue and encourages the Department to remain engage and take all the necessary measures to enforce it. It is encouraging to note that significant progress has been made by the Secretariat in implementing the recommendations directed to the Secretariat and Member States submitted through a comprehensive analysis of the problem and report as contains in document A/59/710.

14. We also attach importance to the need to enhance gender perspective in the peacekeeping activities and their potential role in preventing sexual exploitation and abuses

and all its related aspects. We therefore look forward for the policy dialogue between DPKO and TCC to review strategies for enhancing gender balance among uniformed personnel in peacekeeping operations.

15. In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, my delegation reiterates its strong belief that in ensuring peacekeeping operations to be successful there is a need for a sustained political, resources and financial commitment in all its aspects. In this context, Malaysia will continue to uphold its support and commitments towards the attainment of global peace through the United Nations initiatives and mechanisms.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.