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Mr. Chairman,

Let me begin by expressing our appreciation through you to Mr. Alain Le Roy, Under-Secretary General for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and Ms Susana Malcorra, Under-Secretary General for the Department of Field Support, for their comprehensive briefing to this Committee on UN peacekeeping operations. We commend the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support in fulfilling their responsibilities and efforts at finding ways to improve UN peacekeeping activities.

2. My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by Morocco on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) as well as the statement made by the representative of Thailand on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Mr. Chairman,

3. Malaysia wishes to reiterate our firm belief in the United Nations central role in the maintenance of international peace and security. We consider that the United Nations peacekeeping operations as an indispensable instrument that has contributed immensely to the resolutions of many armed conflicts, both within and among states. Indeed, among the many roles performed by the United Nations, peacekeeping for all its imperfections, is an area which the United Nations could take pride in.

4. My delegation agrees with the statement made by the Under Secretary-General DPKO that the United Nations is currently facing complex challenges with overstretched resources. We are encouraged that dialogues have taken place among the members of the Security Council, the troop and police contributing countries and the Secretariat. This has helped shape the common agenda and we hope that such triangular relations continue. My delegation is also encouraged that the Department of Peacekeeping Operations as well as the Department of Field Support are responding well to those demands and are addressing those challenges through Policy Development, Capability Development, Global Field Support Strategy and Planning and Oversight.

5. In this regard, we are encouraged by the progress report on the New Horizon Initiative as well as the progress achieved thus far on the Global Field Support Strategy. We recognize the urgent need and the importance of protection of civilians in armed conflicts where mandated, following the increasing

incidence of sexual violence against civilians in armed conflicts. We view it as a moral responsibility and it must be conducted swiftly and effectively.

6. In light of all these challenges confronting UN peacekeeping operations, my delegation feels that training must be further strengthened. We need to continue assessing and amending the training accordingly in line with the demands in peacekeeping, so as to ensure that the mandated tasks, especially in the protection of civilians, are fully understood and are able to be executed by our peacekeepers in the field.

Mr. Chairman,

7. We are mindful of the daunting responsibilities and expectations placed on the United Nations. We are also aware of the increasing costs to manage and maintain all peacekeeping operations as well as the shortfalls of vital assets, which are necessary for the effective and efficient conduct of those mandated tasks. We view these positively as it demonstrated the desire of the international community to do more to secure durable and sustainable peace in countries until now affected by conflict, some of them longstanding. However, to match desire with outcome, it is critical for members of the United Nations to continue to provide firm and unwavering support, especially in the areas of human, financial and vital logistical resources to ensure the timely and successful implementation of peacekeeping operations. In doing so, we encourage the Department of Field Support to continue with their efforts in prioritising and identifying the vitals logistical needs, in order to enable peacekeepers to conduct their roles and tasks effectively and efficiently. However, my delegation reiterates the need for consultations with member states so as to ensure transparency in the procurement process.

Mr. Chairman,

8. We reaffirm our belief that socio-economic progress would only be possible through maintenance of peace, stability and security. In this regard, peacekeeping operations play a significant role in conflict affected countries. Based on our past successful experience applying the concept of Security and Development, Malaysia is of the view that peacekeeping and peacebuilding should go along hand in hand at the earliest possible time. However, we only wish to caution that peacebuilding is a national responsibility and host nations are to decide and to set their achievable socio-economic development plan, while international partners are to facilitate as well as to assist them to realize the goals set in the plan. Therefore peacebuilding must be carefully calibrated, well coordinated and implemented.

Mr. Chairman,

9. Let me end my statement by reiterating Malaysia's commitment towards the collective attainment of global peace through its unwavering support to the central role of United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security. We remain ready to work under the banner of the United Nations with other member states toward meeting this objective.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.