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Permanent Mission to the United Nations

**STATEMENT BY BRIGADIER GENERAL NG CHIN HUAT, REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA
ON AGENDA ITEM: 54 "COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE WHOLE QUESTION OF
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN ALL ITS ASPECT," AT THE FOURTH COMMITTEE OF THE
66TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NEW YORK, 26TH OCTOBER
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Madame Chairperson,

Let me begin by welcoming and expressing our appreciation through you to Mr. Harve Ladsous, the new 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. We commend the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support for their relentless efforts at finding ways to further improve and enhance the United Nations peacekeeping activities. We would also like to put on record our sincere appreciation to Mr. Alain LeRoy, the former Under-Secretary General for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations for his efforts in steering the works of the United Nations peacekeeping operations during his tenure.

2. My delegation wishes to align 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).

Madame Chairperson,

3. As a troop contributor with a long history with the United Nations, Malaysia wishes to reiterate our firm belief in the United Nations central role in the maintenance of international peace and security. We firmly believe that the United Nations peacekeeping operations are 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 concur and welcome the statement made by the Under Secretary-General Department of Peacekeeping Operations, as we share the same opinion that peacekeeping is a partnership as well as burden sharing and we shall therefore continue to work closely together towards the attainment of global peace. Malaysia will also continue to support the efforts undertaken by the Department of Field Support to further improve the wellbeing of personnel serving in the field through the various initiatives.

Madame Chairperson,

5. We are very mindful of the daunting responsibility and expectation placed on the United Nations. We view this positively as it demonstrates the desire of the international community to do more to secure a durable and sustainable peace in countries 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 for the United Nations peacekeeping works, especially in the area of personnel, financial and vital logistical resources to ensure the timely

and successful implementation of peacekeeping operations. We reaffirm our belief that economic and social progress would only be possible through maintenance of peace and stability and in this regard, peacekeeping operations play an important role in conflict affected countries. Peacekeepers are often said to be “early peace builders” and in this regard, we will continue to uphold our commitment through this approach towards the attainment of global peace. Peace and stability will enable countries to focus their resources in the pursuit of socio-economic development for the well-being of their people. With this in mind, Malaysia has the experience and the training and is also undertaking activities, whenever it is permitted, in order to “win the hearts and minds” of the local populous that would eventually create a conducive environment for socio-economic development. However, we are mindful that socio-economic development plans are still the sole responsibility of the host nations but Malaysia is there merely to facilitate and wherever possible, to assist the host country toward achieving peace, stability and sustainable prosperity.

Madame Chairperson,

6. My delegation would also like to join other member states in offering our highest tribute and honoring the memory of those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the United Nations and for the noble cause of peace. Similarly, we are concerned with the increasing challenges and threats to the security and safety of United Nations peacekeepers serving in conflict regions. Indeed, Malaysia condemns, in the strongest terms, the killing and targeted attacks of UN peacekeepers and all acts of violence against them. In this regard, we welcome the recent statement made by Mr. Harve Ladsous, stressing the need to ensure the safety of those serving in United Nations peacekeeping missions worldwide and to equip them to carry out their vital and often dangerous tasks.

7. Since Malaysia is an active troop contributing country we again reaffirm our highest commitment to zero tolerance policy on all forms of misconduct, including sexual exploitation and abuses. As a manifestation of this commitment, Malaysia will continue with its long standing effort to emphasize this matter in our training, organized and conducted by the Malaysian Peacekeeping Training Centre. We also wish to reassure the United Nations that Malaysia will continue to participate actively in matters relating to United Nations Police and Formed Police Units (FPU) doctrinal development and standardized pre-deployment curriculum, which will be useful for future deployments.

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8. Let me end my statement by reiterating Malaysia’s commitment towards the collective attainment of global peace through its unwavering support for the central role of United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security. We stand ready to be engaged under the banner of the United Nations together with other member states, toward meeting this noble objective.

I thank you, Madame Chairperson.



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