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**TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON AGENDA ITEM 53: COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW
OF THE WHOLE QUESTION OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS
IN ALL ITS ASPECT
AT THE FOURTH COMMITTEE OF THE 68TH SESSION OF THE UNITED
NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
NEW YORK, 30 OCTOBER 2013**

Mr. Chairman,

Let me begin by expressing my appreciation to Mr Harve Ladsous, Under Secretary General of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and Ms Ameerah Haq, Under Secretary General for Department of Field Support, for their comprehensive presentation on United Nations peacekeeping operations. Our discussion comes at the time when the United Nations is facing numerous challenges in its peacekeeping operations. Malaysia maintains its firm belief in the United Nations central role in the maintenance of international peace and security and that the UN peacekeeping operations are an indispensable instrument that has contributed immensely to the resolutions of many armed conflicts both within and among states.

2. Malaysia wishes to align itself with the statement made by Egypt 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 first participated in the UN operations in Congo (ONUC) in 1960 and has since participated in 20 peacekeeping missions and two UN-mandated-NATO led peacekeeping operations. Malaysia, with a current total strength of 956 Military and Police personnel serving in various capacities in 7 UN peacekeeping missions is supportive of the capability driven approach to peacekeeping as proposed under the New Horizon by the UN Secretariat, as well as the implementation of the Global Field Support Strategy to support the current and future peacekeeping operations. We are cognizant of the fact the UN is currently involved in 15 missions involving almost 100,000 personnel supported by a budget in excess of USD7.5billion.

Mr. Chairman,

4. Over the years, the UN peacekeeping operations have expanded its role from traditional peacekeeping operations to a multi-dimensional role. The current and future battle space requires peacekeepers to operate more efficiently and at a higher operations tempo. Peacekeeping is no longer about the blue helmets sitting between the warring parties, but rather a much more complex and multidimensional challenges.

The UN mandates has expanded to a new and vast set of challenging tasks that involves humanitarian aid distribution, disarmament and demobilization of former combatants, security sector reform, election organizing, sanctions monitoring and protection of civilians. Indeed, among the many functions of the United Nations, peacekeeping for all its shortcomings, is an area which the United Nations has been successful.

5. On the recently concluded C34 meeting, Malaysia is deeply concerned as the negotiation has been suspended due to disagreement on the format of the report. C34 is the only committee that looks into the policies and guidance on all aspect of peacekeeping matters and should be the priority of all member states. Malaysia looks forward to a successful solution to this deadlock soon.

Mr. Chairman,

6. Malaysia has also established a Peacekeeping Training Centre in 1996 to provide training for our personnel prior to deployment in the field. The Centre has opened its door to foreign participants and to date, more than 600 participants from more than 40 countries have been trained there. Malaysia and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations had recently organized the UN Child Protection Workshop at the Malaysian Peacekeeping Centre from 2 to 4 September 13 and followed by the UN Protection of Civilians Course from 9 to 13 September 13. Both courses were attended by participants from all over the world.

7. We are very mindful of the heavy 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. It is critical for members of the United Nations to provide continuous support for the UN peacekeeping missions, especially in the area of personnel, financial and vital logistical resources to ensure the timely and successful implementation of peacekeeping operations.

Mr. Chairman,

8. We strongly believe 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 allocate their resources towards the socio-economic development and the well-being of their people. Malaysia has the experience in this area and had successfully used the approach of winning the “hearts and minds” of the locals that would eventually lead to a conducive environment for socio-economic development.

9. To conclude, I wish to reiterate Malaysia’s continued commitment towards the attainment of global peace through its unwavering support for the central role of United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security. We will continue to participate actively in UN peacekeeping operations.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.