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Madam Chair,

1. At the outset, allow me to take this opportunity to express Malaysia's appreciation to the Secretary General for his report on the implementation of the recommendation of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. I also like to thank Mr. Sam Kutesa, President of the 69th Session of the UN General Assembly, and Mr. Jan Eliasson, United Nations Deputy Secretary General for their respective remarks.

2. We are grateful for the work done by the Secretariat and we value the long-standing partnership in peacekeeping. My delegation is of the opinion that cooperation is important in providing support to all the missions in the field. My delegation would also like to underscore that the synergy between the two Departments is crucial in providing policy guidance, mandate implementation and other relevant field support in ensuring that all peacekeeping operations operate at the optimum level.

Madam Chair,

3. At this juncture, Malaysia wishes to align itself with the statement made by the representative of Morocco on behalf of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and Thailand on behalf of Association of South-East Asia Nations (ASEAN).

4. Before moving further, let me pay tribute to the thousands of peacekeepers, both men and women who through their vigilance, noble

cause have brought hope to millions of people affected by conflict around the world.

Madam Chair,

5. The C 34 is the only formal body in which Member States who contribute troops to peacekeeping operations, whether big or small, can discuss the broad issues including policy directions on peacekeeping. We should be mindful that peacekeeping is a partnership, a collective effort based on the sharing of political will with the aim of achieving a shared objective. Therefore, we must make sure that this Committee is able to produce relevant and meaningful strategic guidance on peacekeeping operations.

6. As a member to the United Nations since 1957, Malaysia is proud to play its part in shouldering the responsibility of maintaining international peace and security. With a current total of 867 military and police personnel serving in six (6) UN peacekeeping missions, Malaysia is proud of its sons and daughters who have performed with distinction in the cause of securing peace and stability.

Madam Chair,

7. The United Nations peacekeeping missions has gone through many changes. We must recognize on the need to address emerging new challenges and evolving threats. In this relation, my delegation support the intention of the Secretary General in convening the Chiefs of Defence Force Conference that is schedule end of March this year. This first ever Chiefs' conference would focus and discuss both current and challenging mandates in shaping a common understanding strategic and operational challenges. In this regard, the safety and security of the peacekeepers that are deployed in the mission areas remains an important aspect.

8. In 2014, we continue to witness challenges to international peace and security. These looming crises in various parts of the world demands constant international attention which the United Nations has to respond.

9. Despite our collective effort to support a return political stability with the deployment of more peacekeepers, we believe that the safety and security of the peacekeepers should not be compromised. As Member States, we are responsible to the morale, safety and security of the soldiers and policemen including their well-being.

Madam Chair,

10. The use of modern technology is another pertinent issue my delegation wishes to underline. Modernizing peacekeeping equipment is crucial and essential to ensure operational effectiveness. We commend the Secretariat's continued efforts in leveraging the use of modern technology in peacekeeping operations and encourage DPKO to further explore opportunities to use them in all operations. While we faced with less resources, we must be wary that this will affect the morale of the peacekeepers as this is a pre-requisite in any operations. With an ever limited resources, achieving efficiency will not be an easy task.

11. Protection of Civilians is one of the most important development in peacekeeping. Ten out of sixteen peacekeeping missions are mandated with POC. Malaysia feels that there is a need to take stock of the lessons learned, given the lack of successes in establishing an effective regime in the protection of civilians in conflict areas. We are of the view that more works must be done in defining a framework on POC. Such framework would be used by UN peacekeeping missions and its agencies in the field that would assist in the implementation of POC mandates.

12. To this end, Malaysia believes that training is a key element to peacekeepers who will be deployed to conflict areas. Peacekeepers and civilian personnel must be trained through a common module on the protection of civilians and peacekeeping prior to deployment. We believe that efforts should also be made to include substantial elements on religion and cultural sensitivities of local people in a common training module for the UN peacekeepers.

Madam Chair,

13. 70 years after the establishment of the UN, peacekeeping missions are on high demand more than ever. With a budget of almost USD 8 billion, Malaysia believes that peacekeeping operations remains an effective instrument in securing stability in pursuant of international peace and security.

14. To conclude, let me remind that cooperation between the UN Security Council, the Secretariat, and troop and police contributing countries are essential. Such arrangement must be forged in the spirit of partnership and collective responsibility. Deliberations at this Committee, is vital in determining and shaping the contributions of our peacekeepers meet the challenges and expectations in promoting international peace and security.

Thank you Madam Chair.