

Security Council Open Debate on UN Peacekeeping: A Multidimensional Approach, January 21st 2013, Security Council Chamber

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May I begin, Sir, by congratulating Pakistan on its assumption of the presidency of the Security Council for the month of January and commending the presence here this morning of Pakistan's Foreign Secretary. I should like also to thank the Secretary-General for his statement.

My delegation endorses the statement made by the Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Ambassador Khalil, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

This debate provides us with yet another opportunity to look into an important tool in the architecture for the maintenance of international peace and security: peacekeeping operations. Those operations, in a changing international situation that is increasingly complex, have had to adapt and now function in a different way to how they were originally conceived. Thus, beginning in the late 1980s, the traditional model was supplanted by an increasingly multidimensional kind of operation with civilian, military, political, rule of law, human rights, humanitarian aid, reconstruction, gender and civilian protection components, among others. Whatever its nature, a peacekeeping operation must be undertaken pursuant to the guiding principles of consent of the parties; impartiality; use of force only in self-defence or in defending the mandate; and unswerving compliance with the Charter of the United Nations.

The multidimensional nature of peacekeeping operations requires clear and appropriate guidelines that bolster the operational dimension and ensure an appropriate organizational structure, logistical and financial resources, and appropriately trained staff. My delegation believes that the relation between peacekeeping and peacebuilding is clear. They form two sides of the same process proceeding in parallel. We consider it essential that the mandates of the various peacekeeping operations not only have clear, precise and feasible instructions, but also a strategic vision for entry, transition and exit that allows appropriate use of resources to ensure the safety of the members and is based on a withdrawal strategy.

These increased efforts call for systematic joint efforts among all actors involved in establishing and implementing a peacekeeping operation. To succeed, they must also be undertaken in close coordination with the national authorities in order to meet local needs and interests and ensure national ownership of the process. We endorse those mechanisms that ensure communications among the Security Council, troop- and police-contributing countries and the Peacebuilding Commission. We urge all to establish the mechanisms necessary to ensure prompt implementation of the decisions of the Security Council.

We recognize the role played by women in preventing and resolving conflicts, and appreciate the inclusion of the gender dimension in mandates. Further work is necessary in that regard to ensure women's full participation in peacekeeping, peacebuilding and security issues. In that context, we also draw attention to the potential role of regional entities, given their successful past experiences in Africa.

Active collaboration and communication among the receiving country, the Security Council, the Secretariat and Member States are fundamental to understanding the reality on the ground and the problems and expectations of the local population. Coordination of those factors will ensure improved decisions and support for the mission. Only insofar as peacekeeping operations respond to

the desires and aspirations of the local population will it be possible to guarantee the relevance and continuity of that important international instrument.

My delegation welcomes resolution 2086 (2013), unanimously adopted today, which follows the path of the ideas outlined earlier. Lastly, my delegation pays tribute to those who have given their lives in pursuit of the noble cause of peace and peacekeeping.