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Let me thank you, Mr. President, for organizing this important debate, since the United Nations peacekeeping operations are one of the main instruments for the effective maintenance of peace and security. In the light of recent events in Africa and in the Middle East, the role of peacekeeping activities is growing. It is therefore necessary to discuss the existing approaches and to outline further tasks.

A multilateral dimension requires that United Nations peacekeeping activities should effectively respond to arising conflicts, new political challenges and threats to peace. Today, we can definitely say that the potential of United Nations peacekeeping activities has significantly increased in both quantitative and qualitative terms. We support the measures aimed at strengthening the operational potential of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), especially in promoting women to relevant positions in United Nations peacekeeping missions, including increasing the number of female police officers to 20 per cent by 2014. Other measures include the systematic involvement of peacebuilding elements and implementing better mechanisms in the mobilization of resources for ensuring peacekeeping operations. It is also necessary to effectively implement the global field support strategy in order to improve the quality of services and to carry out the mandate of the missions.

It is still imperative to support the global partnership, including strengthening cooperation among the Security Council, the General Assembly, the countries sending peacekeepers and their host States. It is also extremely important that peacekeeping operations be continued with all possible preventive, diplomatic and other measures. The experience of last year's events proves again that we should strictly observe the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. Accordingly, United Nations peacekeeping missions should operate firmly within the framework of the main peacekeeping principles, namely, the consent of the parties, the non-use of force except in self-defence and impartiality.

We believe that the modern peacekeeping tasks and resource deficits require enhancing cooperation with regional organizations in the framework of their mandates. In that regard, it is important that DPKO, along with its traditional partners, the African Union and the European Union, increase cooperation with other regional structures, in particular the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO).

Kyrgyzstan welcomes the signing of the memorandum of understanding between the Collective Security Treaty Organization and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in September 2012. That legal framework will allow for the use of United Nations experience in the peacebuilding field. We hope that the working meeting of the CSTO delegation and DPKO on the implementation of the memorandum, which will be held this week, will result in elaborating concrete measures for joint peacekeeping activities.

Today, Kyrgyzstan is represented in peacekeeping missions in Liberia, South Sudan, Darfur and Haiti. In recent years, effective cooperation has been established with DPKO, which provides assistance to Kyrgyzstan in training, the expeditious processing of the documents of candidates for peacekeeping missions and expert assessments of the most pressing peacekeeping problems.

In our view, more attention should be paid to improving the legal framework for international

cooperation and to the development of legislation at the national level. Accordingly, Kyrgyzstan has made additional efforts for the legal regulation of peacekeeping activities. On 13 July 2012, the President of Kyrgyzstan signed legislation on principles and modalities for the participation of the Kyrgyz Republic in the activities of maintaining international peace and security. In October 2012, the Government of Kyrgyzstan approved regulations on procedures for training military officers to be deployed in United Nations peacekeeping missions. To implement the adopted legislation, Kyrgyzstan is currently considering deploying a military unit in United Nations peacekeeping missions. We greatly appreciate the readiness of DPKO to render assistance to Kyrgyzstan as we undertake those efforts.

In conclusion, I would like to confirm that Kyrgyzstan, as a peaceful country, will continue to contribute to increasing the effectiveness of peacekeeping operations for the sake of the maintenance of international peace and security.