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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" and to allocate it to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

2. The Fourth Committee considered the item at its 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 24th meetings, on 30 October, from 3 to 5 November and on 12 November 2015 (see A/C.4/70/SR.16-19 and SR.24).

3. The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "The future of United Nations peace operations: implementation of the recommendations of the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations" (A/70/357-S/2015/682);

(b) Identical letters dated 17 June 2015 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council (A/70/95-S/2015/446).

4. At the 16th meeting, on 30 October, the Deputy Secretary-General introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the future of United Nations peace operations(A/70/357-S/2015/682). The Committee then held an interactive dialogue and questions were posed by Member States, to which the Deputy Secretary-General responded (see A/C.4/70/SR.16).

5. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support made statements (see A/C.4/70/SR.16).

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6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee held a closed interactive dialogue on the item with the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support, in the course of which the two Under-Secretaries-General heard comments and responded to questions from Member States.