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Draft report on the substantive session of 2023

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution [76/263](#), the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations ([A/76/19](#)), decided that the Committee, in accordance with its mandate, should continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in that field, and requested the Committee to submit a report on its work to the Assembly at its seventy-seventh session.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Committee held its substantive session of 2023 at Headquarters from 20 February to 17 March 2023. It held three plenary meetings.

3. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management. At the 274th (opening) meeting, on 21 February, the President of the General Assembly addressed the Committee. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Assistant Secretary-General for Africa in the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations.

4. The Department of Peace Operations, the Department of Operational Support and the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance provided support to the Committee on substantive issues, while the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management served as the technical secretariat of the Committee.



B. Election of officers

5. At its 274th meeting, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:

Tijjani Muhammad Bande (Nigeria)

Vice-Chairs:

Fabián Oddone (Argentina)

Richard Arbeiter (Canada)

Yukiya Hamamoto (Japan)

Mateusz Sakowicz (Poland)

Rapporteur:

Wael Eldahshan (Egypt)

C. Agenda

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its provisional agenda ([A/AC.121/2023/L.1](#)), which read:

1. Opening of the session.
 2. Election of officers.
 3. Adoption of the agenda.
 4. Organization of work.
 5. General debate.
 6. In-session briefings.
 7. Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole.
 8. Other matters.
 9. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session.
7. The Committee also approved its draft programme of work ([A/AC.121/2023/L.2](#)).

D. Organization of work

8. Also at the same meeting, the Committee decided to establish a working group of the whole, to be chaired by Richard Arbeiter (Canada), to consider the substance of the mandate entrusted to the Committee by the General Assembly.

9. The composition of the Committee at its substantive session of 2023 is contained in the annex to the present report. The list of documents for the session is contained in [A/AC.121/2023/INF/2](#) and the list of participants in [A/AC.121/2023/INF/4](#).

E. Proceedings of the Committee

10. At its 274th and 275th meetings, on 21 February, the Committee held a general debate on a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects. Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Uruguay (also on behalf of Argentina, Brazil and Mexico), Djibouti (on behalf of the Group of Francophone Ambassadors to the

United Nations), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), the European Union, Mexico, Thailand, the Philippines, Ethiopia, Uruguay, South Africa, Israel, Nepal, Togo, Senegal, Timor-Leste, Guatemala, the Republic of Moldova, Japan, Malaysia, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Pakistan, Ecuador, the United States of America, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, Fiji, Norway, Lebanon, Viet Nam, Eritrea, the Gambia, Chile, the United Arab Emirates, El Salvador, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Peru, China, Switzerland, Argentina, India, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Brazil, Ukraine, Türkiye, Sri Lanka, Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

11. Statements were also made by the observers for the Holy See, the African Union and the International Organization of la Francophonie.

12. On 23 February, the Working Group of the Whole heard briefings by the Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations, the Under-Secretary-General for Operational Support and the Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, who also engaged in an interactive dialogue with delegations.

13. On 24 February, the Working Group heard a briefing by and engaged in an interactive dialogue with the Assistant Secretary-General for Africa.

14. The Working Group of the Whole and its two sub-working groups met from 27 February to 16 March and concluded their work on draft recommendations.

III. Consideration of the draft report of the Working Group of the Whole

15. At its 276th meeting, on 17 March, the Committee considered the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole and decided to include them in the present report (see paras. []–[]), for consideration by the General Assembly.

IV. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft report to the General Assembly, as introduced by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

V. Proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Committee

17. *[to be inserted]*

Annex

Composition of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations currently consists of the following 157 members: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

The following observers were represented: Holy See, African Union, European Union, International Criminal Police Organization, International Organization of la Francophonie, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Sovereign Order of Malta.
