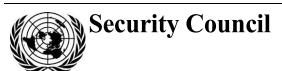
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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 8521st meeting of the Security Council, held on 7 May 2019, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "United Nations peacekeeping operations", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council recalls its previous relevant resolutions and presidential statements addressing peacekeeping.

"The Security Council underscores the importance of peacekeeping as one of the most effective tools available to the United Nations in the promotion and maintenance of international peace and security.

"The Security Council reaffirms the basic principles of peacekeeping, such as consent of the parties, impartiality, and non-use of force, except in self-defence and defence of the mandate, and recognizes that the mandate of each peacekeeping mission is specific to the need and situation of the country concerned, and that the Security Council expects full delivery of the mandates it authorizes.

"The Security Council welcomes efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General to mobilize all partners and stakeholders in support of more effective United Nations peacekeeping through his initiative "Action for Peacekeeping," and recognizes the added value that the Declaration of Shared Commitments on Peacekeeping Operations has in relation to training and capacity building.

"The Security Council welcomes the United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial, the United Nations Chiefs of Defence Conference and the United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit to strengthen support to peacekeeping operations, including in the area of training and capacity building and underscores the importance of fulfilling the pledges made by a number of Member States at the United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial in 2019.

"The Security Council looks forward to the Secretary-General's annual briefing due in September 2019 further to resolution 2378 (2017)."



