PEACEKEEPING MINISTERIAL MEETING

Statement of H.E Ambassador of Algeria to the Republic of Ghana

Mr. Ali REDJEL

Session 3: Conditions for success (Incl Host Government Support, Inclusion, Conduct, Start Comms)

Accra, 6th December 2023
Thank you Mme Chair,

I wish to start by expressing our deepest appreciation to the brotherly Government of Ghana for hosting this important event and for the innate sense of hospitality.

Our thanks are also extended to all the panelists for their very informative insights.

Mme Chair,

The Peace Keeping operations are continuously facing multidimensional challenges and security threats, making the full implementation of their mandate virtually unattainable. These operations are also hampered by the dangerous scourge of terrorism, especially in the Sahel region.

Algeria is of the view that the following elements should guide the discussions around the improvement of UN Peacekeeping conditions for success:

1. There is a need to design adaptable, achievable, and prioritized mandates that provide clear strategic directions for the UN peacekeeping operations, based on the realities and the circumstances on the ground. Tools required to achieve this aim already exist and are available, but we still lack a comprehensive, coherent, and specific approach to the issue of the protection of civilians particularly in conflicts arising from the foreign occupation, even though the United Nations has moral and legal responsibility to them.

2. The UN Security Council Resolutions related to mandate renewals of UN peacekeeping operations need to be streamlined and focused on aspects falling under its mandate only.

3. It is also necessary to include from the onset of the mission, clear elements setting out the transition processes and sequenced exit strategy, while maintaining security gains. Any Exit strategy has to be based on realistic and implementable benchmarks.

4. More investments in strategic communications are required to better set and manage expectations, both nationally and internationally, about the mandate, capacities and limitations of peacekeeping operations.

5. Fostering partnerships with regional organizations is key, taking into account that forces deployed by the regional organizations are tasked with peace enforcement mandate. In this respect, we welcome the ongoing efforts at the UNSC on financing AU-Led Peace Support operations.

6. The efforts to encourage and accommodate women participation in peacekeeping operations are also essential. It remains necessary to further increase women’s participation in decision-making and deployment of UN peacekeeping operations as well as adapting training and work materials for women.
7. Last but not least, **the peacebuilding dimension** must, in our view, always be reflected in the UN peacekeeping operations mandate, by providing support to the host country in terms of state building, Governance and security sector reform. Partnerships are essential in this regard to identify frameworks of cooperation and peacebuilding projects. Such endeavor will only strengthen the prevention chapter, which is cost effective.

Finally, Algeria is looking forward to engaging, in the coming months, with the UN member States and the key stakeholders, to shape the new Agenda for peace to be, one of the deliverables of the Future Summit in September next year.

Algeria is also ready to work tirelessly during its tenure at the UNSC to bring its fair share to the collective endeavor of preserving international peace and security and make the peace operations more fit for contemporary context.

I thank you very much.