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STATEMENT BY H.E. NYAMAA ENKHBOLD, DEFENSE MINISTER OF MONGOLIA, ON AGENDA ITEM “UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING MINISTERIAL ON UNIFORMED CAPABILITIES, PERFORMANCE AND PROTECTION”

(New York 29, March 2019)

Mr. Chairman,

Mr. Secretary General,

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen!

Distinguished delegates,

Since Mongolian Armed Forces sent its first two officers to the UN peacekeeping operation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as military observers in 2002, Mongolia has deployed 30 military contingents and more than 300 military observers and staff officers in various UN peacekeeping missions around the world over the past 17 years. In a total of 11,000 military personnel have accomplished their duties in the UN peacekeeping missions successfully and honorably and contributed their efforts to implement the Security Council’s mandates in their missions.

Today, Mongolia has deployed in a total of 886 peacekeepers in various UN peacekeeping operations as staff officers and noncommissioned officers at sector and force headquarters, military observers and liaison officers, and one full infantry battalion. In relation to the size Mongolian population, military capacity and human resources of its Armed Forces, this contribution to the UN is extraordinary. Mongolia is a peace-loving country and has a concept that indicates Mongolia maintains its security and self-defense through diplomatic means as a priority. Mongolia contributes its efforts for maintaining global and regional security by deploying peacekeepers under the UN mandate in the troubled areas. It is Mongolian policy and activity to contribute its effort for the global peace and security, meantime Mongolia strengthening its own security.

Mongolian Armed Forces have successfully organized multilateral and bilateral peacekeeping exercises and courses at its Peace Support Operations Training Center that is consistent with the standard and

requirement of the UN peacekeeping operations. Moreover, Mongolia organizes multinational peace support operations exercise annually named as “Khan Quest” at its Peace Support Operations Training Center and the training has the participation of over 25 to 50 countries. This peacekeeping training center’s reputation, scope, and importance are well-valued in the region. In this regard, we are also contributing our effort to the UN peacekeeping through these training.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests,

Mongolia supports the Secretary General’s Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) Initiative, and has joined the Declaration of Shared commitments to UN Peacekeeping Operations. We will continue to support this initiative in the years to come.

Mongolia has an objective to strengthen its peacekeeping operations units’ capability by providing modern military equipment and armaments, enhance its peacekeepers professional skill and capability, increase women peacekeepers in the mission, and to train its officers and non-commissioned officers to bare knowledge and skill for enabling them to be working at UN peacekeeping operations military force headquarters as well as at the posting of UN Department of Peace Operations.

Furthermore, Mongolia is to strengthen the Peace Support Operations Training Center by enhancing its human resource and training capability and has an objective to have one of the leading peace training centers in the region. Therefore, we are willing to cooperate with related training departments of the UN in order to organize UN peacekeeping operations training and courses in Mongolia.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests

Mongolia has planned a new contribution of the second Infantry Battalion to the UN peacekeeping operation in near future and it has already been registered in the Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System (PCRS). In order to deploy this unit within the UN Peacekeeping Fiscal Year in 2020, we have taken the decision to resolve the budget for financing necessary military equipment for a new Infantry Battalion within this year in order to elevate the unit’s readiness to the Rapid Deployment level. Also, Mongolia is going to increase its professional, well trained, and skilled officers, and non-commissioned officers to the UN peacekeeping operations as staff officers,

staff non-commissioned officers at all levels of mission headquarters, liaison officers and military observers in the missions. We also do need your support in this regard.

Until now, our experience of participating in the peacekeeping operations and the reputation, courage, skills, and discipline that are gained by the Mongolian military personnel is has become enough evidence for me to make this my proposal. Particularly, I am confident that my pledge will be well supported by the countries we served together for peace and the UN.

Two weeks ago, Prime Minister of Mongolia visited in UNMISS in South Sudan. According to the information that we have that there are only 3% of women peacekeepers in a total of all deployed peacekeepers while accounting for 8% of females of Mongolian peacekeepers deployed in the peacekeeping operation. It is one of the important indications of our contribution and effort.

I am confident that we will consolidate our views on many issues and reach specific solutions on training for peacekeepers, and enhancing the quality and the effectiveness of the training; improving the security of the peacekeepers in the peace operations; improving the operational environment and sustaining the stability of the operational situation.

We are ready for building global peace.

Thank you.