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Chapter I

Introduction

1. By its resolution [72/304](#), the General Assembly welcomed the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations ([A/72/19](#)), 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-third session.

Chapter II

Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations held its 2019 substantive session at United Nations Headquarters from 11 February to 8 March and on 27 March 2019 and held four plenary meetings.

3. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Operational Support. At the 258th (opening) meeting, on 11 February, the Vice-President (Gambia) of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly addressed the Committee on behalf of the President of the General Assembly. Statements were also made by the Under-Secretary-General for Operational Support and the Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, and by the Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions, on behalf of the Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations.

4. The Department of Peace Operations and the Department of Operational Support 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 258th meeting, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:

Tijjani Muhammad **Bande** (Nigeria)

Vice-Chairs:

Alejandro **Verdier** (Argentina)

Richard **Arbeiter** (Canada)

Hiroyuki **Namazu** (Japan)

Mariusz **Lewicki** (Poland)

Rapporteur:

Tarek **Mahfouz** (Egypt)

C. Agenda

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda ([A/AC.121/2019/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. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session.
 9. Other matters.
7. Also at the same meeting the Committee approved its draft programme of work ([A/AC.121/2019/L.2](#)).

D. Organization of work

8. Also at its 258th 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 2019 substantive session is contained in the annex to the present report. The list of documents for the session is contained in [A/AC.121/2019/INF/2](#) and the list of participants in [A/AC.121/2019/INF/4](#).

E. Proceedings of the Committee

10. At its 258th to 260th meetings, on 11 and 12 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 Movement of Non-Aligned Countries), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), the European Union (also on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Montenegro, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine), India, Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, Pakistan, Japan, China, France, Norway, Nepal, Fiji, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Ireland, Guatemala, South Africa, the Republic of Korea, Jamaica, Uruguay, Switzerland, Kenya, the United States of America, Thailand, Turkey, Egypt, Mali, El Salvador, Sweden, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Malawi, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Chile, the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon, Israel, the Russian Federation, Bhutan, Myanmar, Tunisia, Ethiopia, Honduras, Nigeria, Zambia, Senegal, Georgia, Indonesia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Italy.
11. A statement was also made by the observer for the International Organization of la Francophonie.
12. On 14 and 15 February, the Working Group of the Whole heard briefings. On 14 February, the Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations, the Under-Secretary-General for Operational Support and the Under-Secretary-General Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance gave briefings and engaged in an interactive dialogue with delegations. On 15 February, the Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions made a presentation on operational developments and engaged in an interactive segment.
13. The Working Group of the Whole and its two sub-working groups met from 22 February to 8 March.

Chapter III

Consideration of the draft report of the Working Group

14. At the reconvened 261st meeting, on 27 March, the Committee acknowledged that there was no agreement on draft recommendations received from the Working Group of the Whole. Expressing regret at the lack of agreement, the Committee decided that the Chair would convene an open-ended intersessional group of friends of the Chair to consider working methods.

Chapter IV

Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft report to the General Assembly as introduced and orally revised by the Rapporteur of the Committee ([A/AC.121/2019/L.3](#)).

Annex

Composition of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Members: The Special Committee currently consists of the following 154 members: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, 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, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, 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.

Observers: Equatorial Guinea, South Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Holy See, African Union, European Union, International Criminal Court, International Organization of the Francophonie, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Sovereign Order of Malta.
