



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18 June 2020

Subject: Draft resolution entitled “Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects” (A/74/411/Add.1)

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter dated 15 June 2020, in accordance with General Assembly decision 74/544 of 27 March 2020 entitled “Procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic” and decision 74/555 of 15 May 2020 entitled “Extension of the procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic”, placing under silence procedure the draft resolution entitled “Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects”, recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 6 of its report issued as document A/74/411/Add.1, until 18 June 2020, at 4 p.m., it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, the resolution is considered adopted by the General Assembly as resolution 74/277 and is in effect from 4:01 p.m. today, Thursday, 18 June 2020. The General Assembly will take note of resolution 74/277 at its next plenary meeting to be held at the United Nations Headquarters.

Also find enclosed the explanation of position received regarding this resolution.

I avail of this opportunity to express my solidarity with Member States who are fighting COVID-19 and extend my sincere condolences for their loss.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script.

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**Fiji's Statement of Position
on the United Nations General Assembly Resolution
on "The Comprehensive Review of the Whole Question of
Peacekeeping Operations In all Its Aspects."**

Fiji welcomes this opportunity to provide its explanation of vote in support of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution on the 'Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all its aspects.'

Fiji commends the important work of the C34 Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations; welcomes its report and looks forward to its implementation by all stakeholders. The C34 Special Committee remains a central pillar for policy development of peace operations.

The peaceful settlement of disputes is at the heart of the United Nations Charter. Peacekeeping plays an important part of this. Peacekeeping is a collective effort by member states; it reflects in the best way possible the force for good, that multilateralism is. It shows that all states, large and small have an important role to play in peacekeeping and through that, to maintaining international peace and security.

When we speak of the need to strengthen multilateralism; there is no better way than to demonstrate it through United Nations peacekeeping.

Today, the peacekeeping environment has become more complex with the increase of many non-state actors. Conflicts have become more complex and global, fueled by technology.

Peacekeeping has become far more complex with the COVID-19 Pandemic. In supporting this resolution, Fiji calls for the full examination of the impact of COVID-19 on peace operations, on preparations for peace operations, and on operational and deployment issues.

Fiji takes this opportunity to draw attention to the growing impacts of climate change on peace operations. Climate change impacts are cross cutting, and will further increase the complexity of the peacekeeping environment.

Peacekeepers need to perform effectively in such an increasingly complex environment; to the highest standards of the UN; and consistently getting better at their role.

This year, we commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action and the 20th Anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. There is an impetus focusing on the need for more women peacekeepers, and the continuous development of gender issues in peace operations.

Fiji commends the contribution of member states to peacekeeping. Fiji pays tribute to all peacekeepers serving in difficult environments around the world, in the service of peace.