

Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine to the UN at the UNGA Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) on Agenda item 56 "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" (November 2021)

Mr. Chairperson,

Ukraine would like to reiterate its confidence that the peacekeeping remains one of the UN most valuable assets and efficient tools to respond to the situations of conflict and other security threats and challenges.

Ukraine has been a committed partner of the UN in peacekeeping activities ever since the very renewal of its independence. Despite being compelled now to defend its independence and territorial integrity from the Russian armed aggression, Ukraine remains an active contributor to the UN peacekeeping, sending its military, police and civilian personnel and assets to UN peacekeeping missions throughout the globe. Today more than 300 "blue helmets", including women, represent Ukraine in 6 PKOs.

We fully share the view that lasting peace is achieved not through military but political solution. Therefore, my country will continue its active participation in the UN peace operations, seeking for options to strengthen its contribution and to expand its geographical representation.

We believe that PKOs could provide adequate conditions on the ground for advancing a respective peace process. PKOs could and should ensure also security and safety of civilians, including stopping illegal inflow of weapons and mercenaries.

Therefore, Ukraine strongly supports collective efforts in order to make UN peacekeeping operations more efficient and up-to-date to the contemporary challenges to international peace and security and expects the implementation of A4P+ to be followed with solid practical results.

First of all, it concerns strategic force generation, including such critical and high mobility assets as aviation units as any PKO should rely on an appropriate force generation to be able to deliver on its mandate devised by the Security Council.

Our message is clear: We are committed to the UN peacekeeping mission and we will continue to support it.

