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Item 55

Comprehensive review of special political missions

Mr. Chairman

I have the honor to speak on behalf of Mexico and Finland, the co-facilitators of the resolution “Comprehensive review of special political missions” (SPMs).

At the outset, I want to thank USG DiCarlo and USG Khare for their statements and responses during the IV committee discussion. As the Secretary-General’s report states, Special Political Missions have yet again demonstrated their important contribution to conflict prevention and sustaining peace. The response of SPMs to the COVID-19 pandemic also shows the flexibility of these missions. We value the work the SPMs and the Secretariat and thank them all.

Let me now turn to present the resolution in front of us (A/75/C.4/L.6). The recent UN reforms as well as the ongoing negotiations of the twin resolutions on peacebuilding architecture frame our consideration on how to ensure SPMs support a holistic approach to peacebuilding and have a positive impact on the ground. While there is already early evidence of the impact of the reforms, the negotiations of the peacebuilding architecture are still on-going. Therefore the co-facilitators decided to present a resolution with technical updates only.

We would like to warmly thank all the delegations for their support. We wish to thank those delegations who have already cosponsored the resolution, and hope that more will still join to demonstrate support for the work of the Special Political Missions.

Thank you.