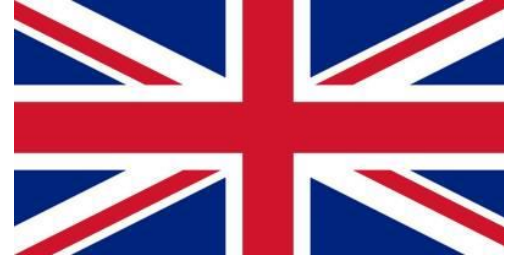


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The United Kingdom, made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, is an island nation in northwestern Europe. United Nations peacekeeping operations play a significant role in reducing violence and conflicts. So far, the peacekeeping missions have proved to be so effective in handling critical circumstances such as in Mali and South Sudan. The United Kingdom is one among the country that actively takes part in peacekeeping missions.

The delegate of United Kingdom would like to give a brief about the United Kingdom's contribution in ensuring the success of peacekeeping missions. The United Kingdom has a commendable track record on peacekeeping. In the mid-1990s, the UK was the largest contributor of UN troops. Though being a relatively small country, the UK has provided over 270 peacekeepers to ensure the success of peace keeping missions. The UK plays a central role in drafting resolutions on peacekeeping. In addition to this high-level decision making, the UK is also the fifth largest financial contributor to peacekeeping missions, the UK provides about 6.68% of the UN's overall budget for peacekeeping.

We must do more to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of UN peacekeeping. The United Kingdom set out three steps which, if taken, would improve the effectiveness of peacekeeping missions: deployment innovation, improved mission performance, and better long-term planning and strategic force generation.

In addition to the above-mentioned steps taken, the UK continue to support mandatory e-learning pre-deployment training for all troops to prepare them to respond to and prevent sexual exploitation and abuse. The UK now has over 700 personnel deployed on 8 UN missions operating in 7 countries. These include 380 troops in South Sudan, 40 in Somalia, and 280 in Cyprus.