High-Level Meeting on Strengthening the Conduct of Peacekeeping Personnel

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- 1. As a longstanding supporter of peacekeeping and a major troop and police contributing countries, Indonesia is highly committed to ensuring that all of its peacekeeping personnel meet the highest standard of conduct and professionalism.
- 2. In the area of **prevention**, Indonesian Peacekeeping Center has conducted training on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and other types of misconduct in accordance with UN standards.
- 3. During pre-deployment training, all personnel are given dedicated sessions on the prevention of misconduct in peacekeeping operations. The sessions focus on sexual exploitation and abuse as well as other forms of misconduct.
- 4. To enrich the training programs, speakers from relevant backgrounds, including country representatives of UN Women, ICRC, and civil society organizations are involved.
- 5. In addition to attending pre-deployment trainings, Indonesian peacekeepers must also undergo strict psychological screening process. This is to ensure that personnel are mentally fit to be deployed to the mission.
- 6. While continuing to strengthen prevention, we have also established a mechanism for **enforcement.**
- 7. To respond to misconduct allegations, there are several steps taken to investigate the case.
- 8. First, a national investigation team from the capital will be deployed to the mission in concern to gather information and produce a report.
- 9. Second, the team will conduct internal in-mission investigation in parallel with the investigation by the UN.
- 10. Third, if the allegation is substantiated, an internal military/police legal process will be undertaken upon repatriation of the personnel involved. The appropriate sentence and punishment will be given in accordance with Indonesian national law.
- 11. Indonesia is currently developing a national regulation on the prevention and enforcement of misconduct for Indonesian personnel serving in peacekeeping operations.
- 12. We are also in the process of developing a handbook for peacekeepers that provide detailed information of standard operating procedures for reporting and investigating misconduct allegations.

- 13. The development of the national regulation and handbook involves multi-stakeholders such as other relevant ministries, civil society, and academics.
- 14. To conclude, strengthening the conduct of peacekeeping personnel is crucial in maintaining the integrity and credibility of peacekeeping operations.
- 15. Closer partnership and coordination between the Secretariat, Mission, TPCC and host countries are essential in this regard.
- 16. Thank you