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## Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

New York, 17 February–14 March 2025

### Draft report on the substantive session of 2025

*Rapporteur:* Mr. Mohamed Soliman (Egypt)

#### I. Introduction

1. By its resolution [78/291](#), the General Assembly welcomed the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations ([A/78/19](#)), decided that the Committee, in accordance with its mandate, should continue its efforts to undertake a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and requested the Committee to submit a report on its work to the Assembly at its seventy-ninth session.

#### II. Organizational matters

##### A. Opening and duration of the session<sup>1</sup>

2. The Committee held its substantive session of 2025 at Headquarters from 17 February to 14 March 2025. It held four plenary meetings.

3. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management. At the 280th (opening) meeting, on 18 February, the Vice-President of the General Assembly (Thailand) addressed the Committee on behalf of the President of the General Assembly. The Assistant Secretary-General for Africa in the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations also made a statement.

##### B. Election of officers

4. *Chair:* At its 280th meeting, the Committee was informed that the delegation of Nigeria had reaffirmed its interest in continuing to serve as Chair and would nominate its incoming Permanent Representative, once in place, for election to the position of Chair in due course.

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<sup>1</sup> The Committee did not meet on 17 February in honour of Presidents' Day.



5. The Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

*Vice-Chairs:*

Francisco Tropepi (Argentina)  
Michael Gort (Canada)  
Takayuki Iriya (Japan)  
Michal Miarka (Poland)

*Rapporteur:*

Mohamed Soliman (Egypt)

## C. Agenda

6. At its 280th meeting, the Committee adopted its provisional agenda ([A/AC.121/2025/L.1](#)) and draft programme of work ([A/AC.121/2025/L.2](#)).

## D. Membership and organization of work

7. At its substantive session of 2025, the Committee comprised 157 members (see [A/AC.121/2025/INF/3](#)). Five observers were also represented.
8. At its 280th meeting, the Committee established a working group of the whole, to be chaired by Michael Gort (Canada), to consider the substance of the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly.
9. The list of documents is contained in document [A/AC.121/2025/INF/2](#) and the list of participants in document [A/AC.121/2025/INF/4](#).

## E. Proceedings of the Committee

10. At its 280th to 282nd meetings, on 18 and 19 February, the Committee held a general debate on a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects. The record of the Member States and observers who delivered statements in the general debate and in the exercise of the right of reply is available online.<sup>2</sup>
11. On 19 February, the Working Group of the Whole heard briefings by the Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance; the Assistant Secretary-General for Africa in the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations; and the Assistant Secretary-General for Support Operations in the Department of Operational Support.
12. On the same day, the Working Group heard a briefing by the Assistant Secretary-General for the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific in the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations.
13. The Working Group and its two sub-working groups met from 20 February to 12 March and on 14 March to consider the draft recommendations of the Committee for the session.

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<sup>2</sup> See <https://espeakers.unmeetings.org/67a61499781c2fc948088bb007022025> and <https://journal.un.org/en/new-york/meeting/officials/4704875b-b7be-4807-802f-9aca17870fb2/2025-02-18>.

### **III. Consideration of the draft report of the Working Group of the Whole**

14. At its 283rd meeting, on 14 March, the Committee acknowledged that there was no agreement on the draft recommendations considered by the Working Group.

15. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to convene intersessional discussions in 2025, facilitated by the Chair of the Working Group, to consider its working methods in relation to its annual report.

### **IV. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session**

16. At its 283rd meeting, the Committee adopted its draft report to the General Assembly, as introduced by the Rapporteur.

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