Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 20 December 2017

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/72/L.33)]

72/199. Restructuring of the United Nations peace and security pillar

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming its determination to further strengthen the role, capacity, effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming the respective role and authority of the General Assembly and the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security in accordance with the Charter,

Recalling the relevant mandates, decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council,

Reaffirming the basic principles of United Nations peacekeeping,

Encouraging coherence, synergies and complementarities among the reform proposals for the peace and security pillar, management and the United Nations development system,

Commending the Secretary-General for his efforts to enhance the performance of the Secretariat’s peace and security pillar,

Welcoming the consultations with Member States undertaken by the Secretary-General with respect to his reform proposal,

Taking note of the assurances provided by the Secretary-General in his report,¹ including, inter alia, that his reform proposal does not seek to change established mandates, functions or funding sources of the peace and security pillar,

¹ A/72/525.
1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General,¹ and supports his vision for reforming the peace and security pillar;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, as soon as possible, a comprehensive report on his peace and security pillar reform proposal, elaborating on the establishment of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and the Department of Peace Operations, including detailed information on the proposed functions, structure and staffing requirements, for the consideration of and decision by the Assembly, in accordance with established procedures;

3. Stresses the need to take into account the views expressed by Member States, while ensuring accountability and transparency, and with due regard to the promotion of the principle of equitable geographical distribution.

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