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China's Position on UN Peacekeeping Operations (2000-2013)

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This paper focuses on China's policy on UN peacekeeping operations from 2000 up to 2013. A question arises from Beijing's diplomacy on UN PKO: Why is China's peacekeeping role increasing?

Up to the end of Cold war China had no economic involvement in foreign countries, but after the Cold War it makes huge investments abroad.

As China strengthens its position as a great power and its companies continue to invest in various projects across Africa and Middle East, official Beijing will deepen its participations on peacekeeping operations. The stability of the main communication roads from Far East to Middle East, Africa and Europe will give opportunities to the Chinese government to try to realize Xi Jinping's Silk Road Economic Belt project. The main argument of the above mentioned hypotheses is that for the first time on 2014 China sent its first infantry battalion for UN peacekeeping in South Sudan. In its turn International society is also interested in that China deepens its role and sends more troops for UN peacekeeping operations, as China is the country which can offer quality and quantity.

On June 19, 2013 in Beijing UN SC Secretary-general Ban Ki-moon made several remarks on China's involvement on peacekeeping operations, I have seen the bravery of Chinese blue helmets helping struggling communities around the world.

China provides more peacekeepers to the United Nations than all of the four other permanent members combined. The United Nations will do its best to rise to the challenges we face. I look forward to an even stronger partnership with China for peace.[UN]

China's policy on peacekeeping helps to maintain world peace and stability in many countries. In 2013 China sent over 20,000 military personnel, police officers and civilian officials to UN peacekeeping operations. At present, there are nearly 2,000 Chinese peacekeepers on duty in nine operations, making China the 18th largest troop-contributing country in the world and the biggest peacekeeper contributor among the five permanent members of the Security Council [Position Paper of the PRC, www.china-embassy.org] In sum China will increase its involvement in peacekeeping to defend its economic and political interests in the world. In fact the cooperation between China and other countries which are involved in peacekeeping improves the level of the world security.

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