

Group Discussions for Group B

Observations:

- There are some differences between training of female soldiers of Asian countries and those of western countries.
- Fighting is the last resort for peacekeepers.
- Joint exercises are very important in pre-deployment training.

Recommendations:

- ARF members should have better cooperation in peacekeeping endeavors.
- There should be improvements in our training to better execute UN resolutions on gender equality.
- There should be standardization for the engineering equipment and skill set from different TCC.
- There should be guiding manuals on engineering units.
- Training of special units can be standardized at regional level.
- There should be better coordination between military and civilian components.
- There should be clearer mandates for each contingent.
- The tenure for contingents should have a minimum period. There should be coordination in rotations for contingents from different countries.
- Pre-deployment training curriculum and syllabus should be evolving as per the new requirements of peacekeeping missions.
- There should be appropriate equipment and weapon (UAV, drones, radars, balloons and cameras) to meet the challenges and to better deal with threats.
- There should be more mutual understanding between military and police units. Pre-deployment training for both military and FPU contingents can have some elements on that, such as the exchange of personnel and integrated training.
- In mission areas, there can be regular joint training, rehearsals and exercises between military and police components.
- There should be feedback about the developments in the execution of recommendations made during the previous meeting.
- There should be some coordination between ASEAN ADMM and ARF Peacekeeping Experts Meeting.

Actions:

- Peacekeeping centers should execute the recommendations with pragmatic measures.
- Recommendations can be put forward to other forums such as IAPTC conference which will be held later this year.

- Each country should study the recommendations and proposals in detail and put them into practice.
- Recommendations should be sent to the UN HQ in New York.
- We should study closely the conclusions and recommendations reached during the previous meetings.