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India handed over a cheque of US\$ 615,361 to Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix, Under Secretary General, Department of Peace Operations as India's voluntary financial contribution for three Peacekeeping Projects, aimed at strengthening rule of law in vulnerable societies, creating a database for crimes against peacekeepers and implementation of Women Peace and Security agenda through strategic communication.

The first project is aimed at identifying specific rule of law needs for a conflict area under UN peacekeeping, particular remote areas, and provide technical and advocacy support to national rule of law authorities.

During India's Presidency of the Security Council in August 2021, the Council adopted resolution 2589 aimed at "protecting the protectors" by enhancing the accountability of crimes committed against UN peacekeepers. The second project will support implementation of a provision of the resolution 2589 for creating a database for crimes against Peacekeepers, particularly in remote areas.

The third project will give impetus to implementation of Women Peace and Security agenda through strategic communication. The project is designed to

provide dynamic and interactive platforms that amplify the voice of women as Ambassadors for peace, recovery and development in troubled societies.

On the occasion, India also agreed to contribute towards financing a feasibility study identifying the methodology for construction of a physical memorial wall at the United Nations Peacekeepers Memorial at United Nations Headquarters.

India is proud of its long and rich tradition of contribution to UN peacekeeping operations. As one of the largest troop and police contributing countries, India is committed to strengthening the UN peacekeeping by supporting measures to address safety and security of UN peacekeepers and enhancing effective mandate delivery.

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