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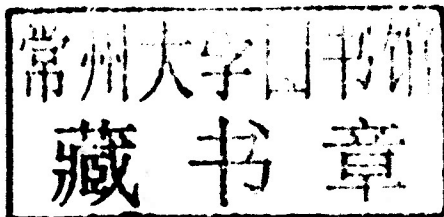
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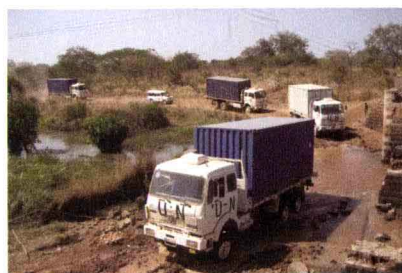
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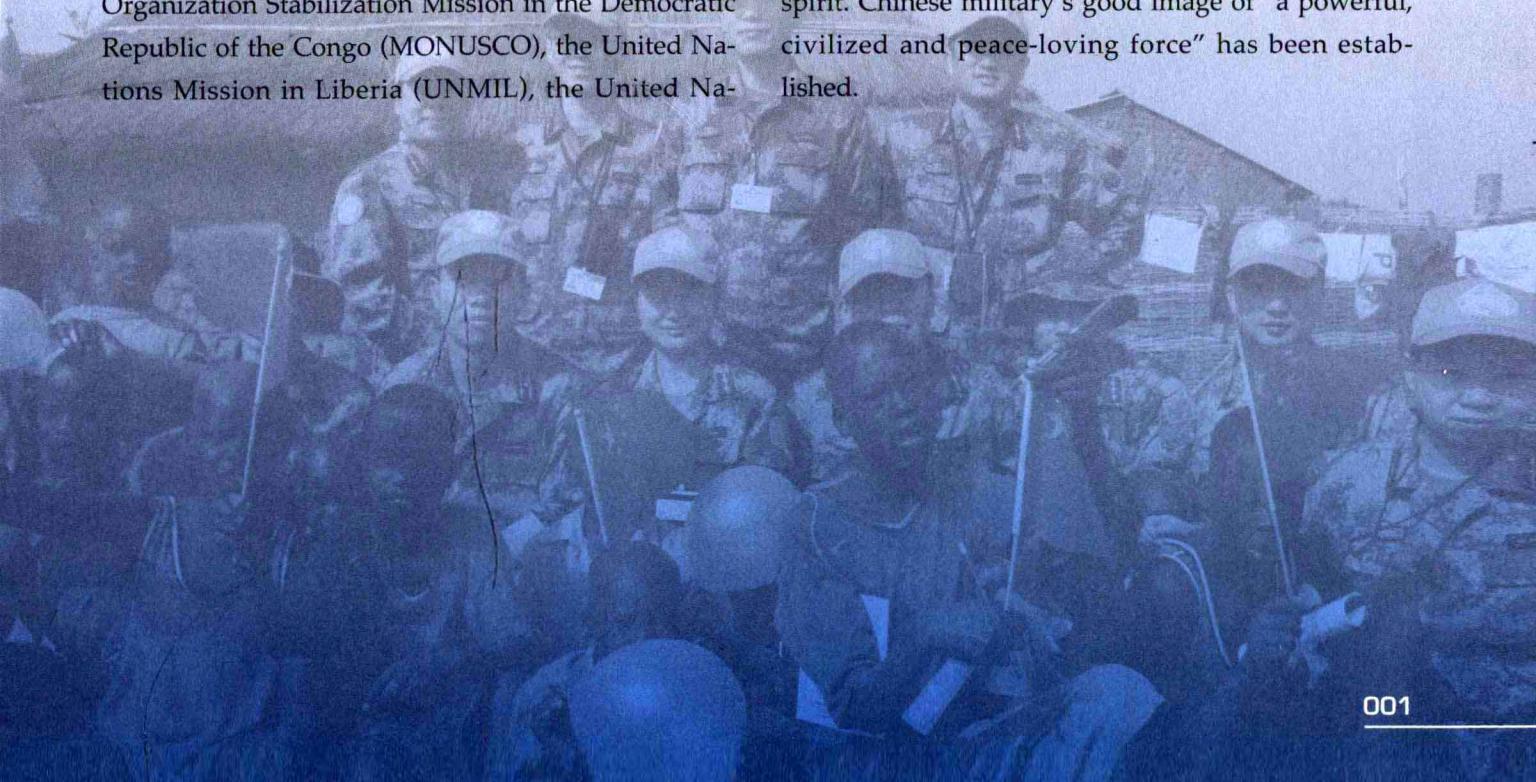
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China is a peace-loving nation, and the Chinese people are peace-loving people. Peace is the requirement of both China's development and the development of the world, so keeping world peace conforms to the interests of the whole world's people including Chinese people. As a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, China takes important responsibilities in a series of significant issues related to human peace and security. Active participation in UN peacekeeping operations shows not only China's support to the UN, but also a specific embodiment of China's performance of responsibilities as a large nation.

Since Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) first participated in UN peacekeeping operation in 1990, it has sent over 16,000 military personnel/time to 18 UN peacekeeping operations. About 1,960 peacekeepers dispatched from the PLA, are currently serving in the UN headquarters and 9 peacekeeping mission areas. Among them, 11 peacekeeping detachments with 1861 members are serving in the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), the United Na-

tions Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS), and the African Union/United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID); 99 military observers and staff officers are serving in the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and 9 peacekeeping mission areas.

Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), as an important force loving and maintaining peace, assumes a holy historic responsibility of "safeguarding world peace and promoting common development" in the new century and new stage, and therefore it will insistently support and participate in peacekeeping operations in accordance with the United Nations Charter. During the past 20 years, PLA peacekeeping officers and men have performed excellently various missions assigned by the United Nations, and won high recognition and extensive applause of UN departments, local governments and people of their stationed countries by their professional quality, excellent work performance, persistent style and high spirit. Chinese military's good image of "a powerful, civilized and peace-loving force" has been established.





1 TWO DECADES PEACEKEEPING OVERVIEW

Chinese PLA dispatched five military observers to the UN Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), the most lasting UN peacekeeping operation, in April 1990, marking its debut in UN peacekeeping operations. PLA dispatched a 400-member engineer detachment to the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia in 1992, marking its first in-organic noncombatant unit participation in UN peacekeeping operations. Since then, China gradually enlarged its participation in UN peacekeeping operations according to the requirement of the situation and at the request of the United Nations.

After joined the UN Stand-by Arrangement System, Chinese PLA for the first time sent an in-organic non-combatant force consisting of an engineer company and a medical detachment to the United Nations peacekeeping operation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Henceforth, Chinese military sent

successively engineer, transportation and medical detachments to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, the United Nations Mission in Liberia, the United Nations Mission in Sudan, and the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur.

Since participating in UN peacekeeping operations, Chinese peacekeepers have built or restored more than 8,300 kilometers of roads and 230 bridges, cleared more than 8,900 mines and other explosives, transported materials more than 600,000 tons and 8.5 million kilometers, given medical treatment to more than 75,000 patients; Chinese staff officers and military observers have accomplished their work in the commands and various missions such as patrol, observation, supervision and negotiation, making prominent contributions to promoting the peaceful settlement of disputes, maintaining regional security and stability, and facilitating the economic and social development of related nations.





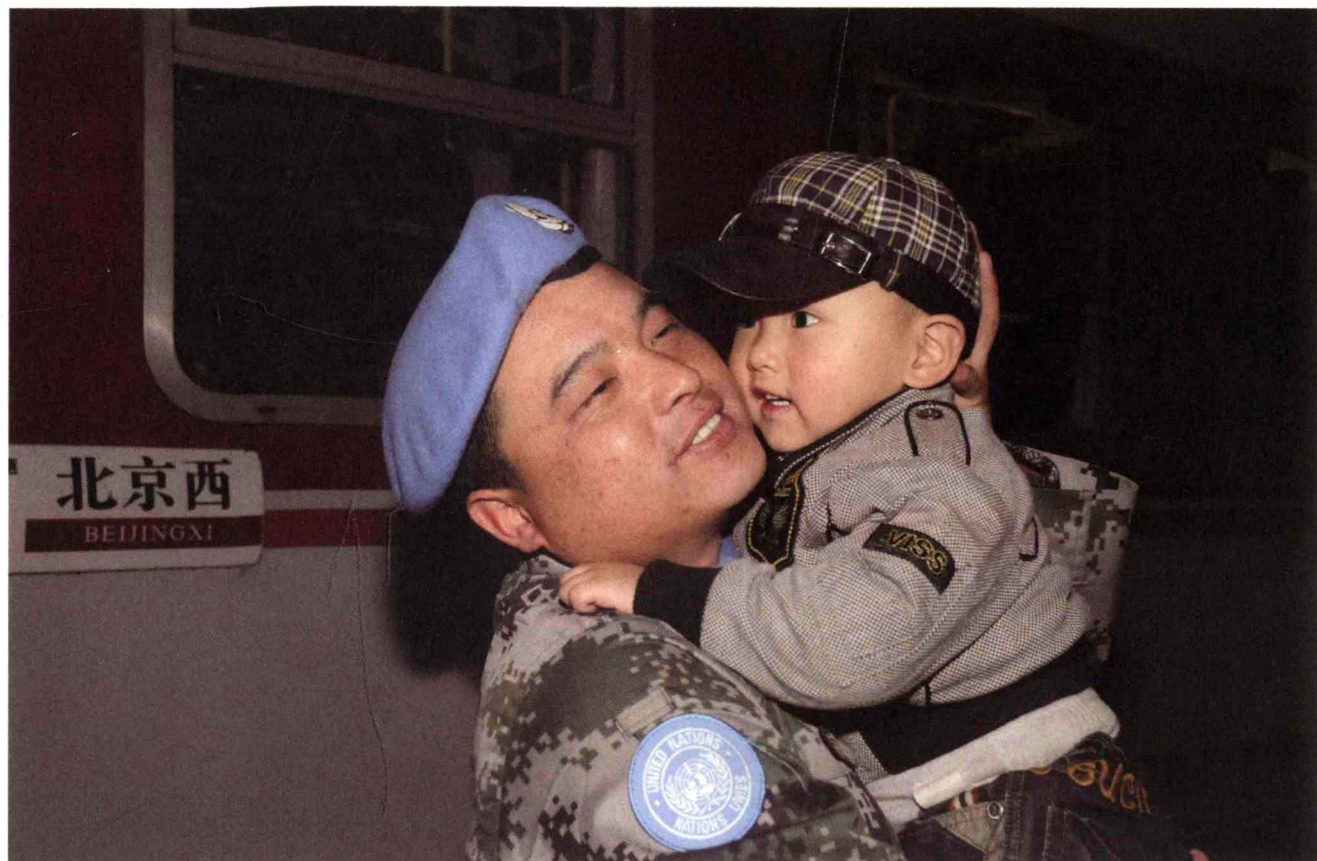
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For each batch of peacekeepers departing for mission area, the peacekeeping force will hold a departing ceremony to inspire peacekeepers' sense of mission, responsibility and glory.



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