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Looking to Lead? China and UN Peacekeeping

China is a key node in the UN peacekeeping regime; simultaneously, a UN Security Council permanent member setting mandates; the second largest peacekeeping budget funder, and the largest troop contributor amongst its permanent peers, for example. However, China offers comparatively little in terms of peacekeeping policy design. One area that China is emerging as a policy leader is on peacekeeper safety and security, driven by recent experiences of PRC combat peacekeeper fatalities due to 'malicious acts'. This paper situates China's approach to peacekeeper safety and security in the broader literature on state responses to peacekeeper fatalities. Using Chinese-language authoritative and semi-authoritative sources, I find that China's approach advances its long-standing normative wariness over the use of military force to resolve issues of global security governance, while showcasing China's emphasis on technocratic, state-led solutions to peacekeeping. The analysis speaks to ongoing speculation regarding China's interest in heading the Department of Peace Operations and China's role in global security governance.

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