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**VIDEO MESSAGE TO THE UN CHIEFS OF POLICE SUMMIT (UN COPS)  
New York, 3 June 2016**

Ministers,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates and guests,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome to the United Nations and to this first-ever United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit - UN COPS.

I am sorry that I cannot be with you in person. I was very much looking forward to it.

Unfortunately, an international meeting on Middle East peace requires me to be out of the country today. But I did not want to miss this chance to thank you for your commitment. I also asked the Deputy-Secretary-General to attend on my behalf.

Around the world, I have seen the difference that our brave police officers make to establish the rule of law and pave the way for peace and sustainable development.

From Kabul to Kinshasa ... from Port-au-Prince to Pristina, United Nations Police work in some of the most challenging situations on earth.

They protect communities. They bring stability. They restore confidence.

UN COPS is a tremendous opportunity.

It is a chance to further ensure that United Nations Police become ever more “fit for purpose” – and able to meet the security threats in today’s volatile global context.

Thank you for your contributions, your engagement and your commitment.

Together, let us work for a safer and more secure world for all.

United Nations Police are your police.