

**STATEMENT**  
**BY THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**  
**H.E. MR. SUREN PAPIKYAN**

**Dear Chairman, Dear Colleagues,**

At the outset, allow me to express my gratitude to the United Nations, the Government of Germany and other co-hosts for organizing this ministerial meeting and for their valuable efforts aimed at its successful outcome.

United Nations peacekeeping missions are essential instruments for promoting and maintaining international peace and security. UN peacekeeping remains the most legitimate tool for preventing, managing and resolving armed conflicts.

Armenia supports UN peacekeeping reform as provided by the Pact for the Future, which anticipates such changes, that will adapt the peacekeeping to better respond to existing challenges and new realities.

This ministerial meeting presents a significant opportunity to participate in a discussion and contribute to the implementation of this process. Though the agenda of the discussions is new, it continues to be anchored on principles established 10 years ago by the 2015 Leaders Summit on peacekeeping.

At the same time, using this opportunity, I am pleased to introduce the progress that Armenia has made in developing uniformed personnel for UN peacekeeping, and confirm Armenia's commitment to contribute to the international efforts supporting peace and security in the world.

In addition to our on-going contributions to UNIFIL mission in Lebanon and substantial contribution to the NATO-led peacekeeping operations, Armenia is developing two specialized capabilities: A Field Hospital and EOD Engineering unit, along with an Infantry Battalion and experienced Staff Officers to contribute to the UN peacekeeping missions, wherever needed, with no caveats. Our pledges have been registered in the Peacekeeping Capabilities Readiness System, and we are waiting for UN professional evaluation and advice to elevate the level of readiness of those units ensuring their prompt deployability.

Meanwhile, we offer new pledge - to host in Armenia UN peacekeeping courses and trainings by providing the Peacekeeping Training Center of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Armenia with its personnel and infrastructure, aiming at UN certifying the peacekeeping courses held at the center and offering them to all partners.

We continuously train relevant personnel - male and female, to be posted in UN missions' HQs, as well as in the framework of our national strategy encourage involvement of women in the Armed Forces, including in the peacekeeping missions in accordance with the UN Resolution 1325.

**Dear Chairman, Dear Colleagues,**

I reiterate, Armenia's commitment to contribute to the UN peacekeeping missions by providing responsible, well trained and equipped troops.

**Thank you for your attention.**