

**Statement**  
**His Excellency General SEIHA TEA, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of**  
**National Defense**  
**2023 the United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial Meeting**  
**Republic of Ghana, 06 December 2023**

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- *His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana*
- *His Excellency António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations*
- *Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen*

On behalf of the Ministry of National Defense of the Kingdom of Cambodia, I have a great pleasure and an honor to participate in the United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial Meeting which is an important event at this moment.

Taking this opportunity, I wish to acknowledge the Government of the Republic of Ghana for hosting the meeting, and I endorse the objectives of this event which will make us jointly improve the efficiency of peacekeeping operations, particularly in mandate implementation with a focus on safety. I would like to endorse the topic of “protection of civilians” through (1) discussion and participation from troops, civilians, and police, (2) protection measures and (3) creating safe environment of which peacekeepers are deployed. Communication strategy is an action as well as an important mechanism in protection, coordination and solution of conflict. In the meantime, uniformed women’s capacities have been contributing to enhance efficiency and stability in mission areas. On the other hand, mental health care is also a necessary factor in boosting fully responsible spirit of all peacekeepers.

*Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen*

Since 2006, Cambodia has transformed itself from UNTAC host country into blue beret contributing country in 12 missions of 10 countries namely Sudan, South Sudan, Chad, Lebanon, Mali, Central African Republic, Cyprus, Yemen and Democratic Republic of the Congo totalling 9,205 personnel including 726 female peacekeepers. Presently, Cambodia increases number of female troops deployed to UN peacekeeping missions at all levels since we believe that women can perform tasks like men as excellencies, ladies and gentlemen have witnessed their great achievement in various UN field missions.

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The evolving security situation in all mission areas in which peacekeepers are deployed is both traditional and non-traditional caused by non-state actors. This situation requires both in-mission personnel and reserved ones to conduct constant innovation in hard skill and soft skill, resilience, independence and self-ownership of each troop-contributing country, exchange of experiences for more effective performance based on international best practices aiming to timely and properly respond to complex issues in mission areas with inclusiveness. For the cause of peace and as a war-hated heart, on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023, **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN MANET, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia** stated at the 78<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly that “Cambodia continues to contribute to stability, security, world peace, sustainable development and prosperity for mankind”.

To reflect Cambodia’s firm engagement with the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, I wish to renew existing pledges in the UN Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System (UN PCRS) as follows:

- one Engineering Company
- one Military Police Company
- Staff Officers and Military Observers

In addition, Cambodia wishes to announce new pledges in the UN PCRS as follows:

- one Mobile Bridge Company
- one EOD Company.

In conclusion, I wish to renew my acknowledgment to Republic of Ghana, the United Nations, excellencies, ladies, gentlemen and all participating members.

*Thank you!*