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Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to thank Germany for hosting this important ministerial meeting in a year when we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and the 10th anniversary of the Leaders' Summit on Peacekeeping.

We meet at a time of heightened geopolitical tensions. As we speak, not very far from here, Russia, a permanent member of the Security Council, is intensifying its brutal war against Ukraine, targeting civilians in flagrant violation of international law. But, worryingly, armed conflicts are on the rise across the globe. Coupled with the increased complexity of climate crisis, inequalities or disruptive technologies, they require united and resolute response. Czechia therefore welcomes this opportunity to restate our commitment to international cooperation on peace and security that is also reflected in our recently announced candidacy for the UN Security Council for the term 2032 – 2033.

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the Pact of the Future acknowledged, the UN peacekeeping operations are a key tool for maintaining international peace and security. We firmly believe that their success lies in clear political anchoring, flexible mandates, and close integration with diplomatic efforts.

Our support is not merely declaratory. Over the years, Czechia has contributed thousands of personnel to UN peacekeeping mission. We are proud to continue this tradition by allocating a Quick Reaction Force unit to the UN's readiness system with plans to expand this contribution in the coming years. In addition, we organize annual certified training course for UN observers, open to participants from other countries.

We consider it essential that peace operations not only stabilize but also support long-term peacebuilding. This includes strengthening the capacities of local institutions, reinforcing the rule of law, and promoting inclusive governance. In this regard, the full, meaningful, and safe participation of women in all aspects of peace processes is indispensable. To this end Czechia is proud to be a long-term financial contributor to the UN Peacebuilding Fund.

We also believe that quality communication with local populations and the international public is a vital component of trust in peace operations. It is necessary to counter harmful information that undermines the legitimacy of missions and weakens their impact on the ground.

Furthermore, lasting security cannot be achieved without addressing climate-related challenges. Czechia is actively engaged in the Group of Friends on Climate and Security and supports stronger UN involvement in tackling the impacts of climate change on peace and stability.

We believe that UN peace operations can continue to serve as effective tools - provided they are modular, diplomatically integrated, based on trust and partnerships, and oriented towards the concrete needs of people on the ground.

Thank you for your attention.