

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you to the Republic of Korea for hosting this year's Peacekeeping Ministerial despite the difficult circumstances.

Denmark has contributed to UN peacekeeping missions since 1948.

Since then, more than 50,000 Danish soldiers have served in close to 50 different UN missions.

A significant number for a country of barely 6 million people.

Currently, Danish staff officers and senior officials serve in UNTSO in the Middle East and MINUSMA in Mali.

And in the coming year, Denmark will – for the fourth time – support MINUSMA with a C-130 transport aircraft under the Multinational Rotational Concept.

We are proud to once again provide this critical capacity to an important UN mission – and wish to highlight the rotation concept as an inspiration and model for UN force generation and deployment.

Proper equipment, training and support are preconditions for successful peacekeeping missions.

We need to look at new ways of ensuring that our troops are ready to face the challenges of tomorrow.

Technology plays a key role in this regard.

Denmark will therefore continue to increase its support to the development and application of new technologies and better use of intelligence in peacekeeping operations.

Denmark backs the Secretary General's reform agenda, including the 'Action for Peacekeeping' and 'Sustaining Peace' initiatives.

Starting next year, Denmark will triple its financial contribution to projects supporting A4P and A4P+.

Peacekeeping is a crucial tool for maintaining international peace and security. But it cannot stand on its own.

Peacebuilding should be an integral part of any peacekeeping operation.

Denmark will continue its efforts to support the UN's peacekeeping operations and to finding lasting solutions to the many conflicts around the world.

We all have a common responsibility for helping societies move from conflicts towards safer and more prosperous futures.

Thank you.