

DANISH STATEMENT AT THE UN PEACEKEEPING MINISTERIAL (UNPKM)

Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you to the Republic of Ghana for hosting this year's UN Peacekeeping Ministerial. Ghana is being a key contributor to the UN's peacekeeping efforts and is highly appropriate that we are all gathered here in Accra today. Allow me to make these remarks on behalf of the Danish Minister of Defense.

Peacekeeping is one of the key tasks of the UN, and will continue to be an essential tool for creating the conditions for lasting political solutions and peace in war-torn societies.

Yet peacekeeping operations are admittedly faced with several challenges that undermine the ability to deliver on their mandates.

For peace operations to be efficient and effective, they must have clear, realistic and achievable objectives. They must be flexible, adaptable and agile, and they must be provided with sufficient funding and capabilities.

Denmark remains committed to playing a constructive and positive role as we jointly develop and enhance UN peacekeeping to make it fit for purpose.

Today, Denmark wishes to pledge support in the following key areas:

Firstly, managing the environmental impact of UN peace operations is a cross-cutting issue that impacts the efficiency of operations, the safety and security of UN peacekeepers, and the legacy that peacekeepers leave behind.

Denmark will partner with Ghana to establish a renewable energy system for the Ghanaian battalion in UNMISS, and provide a sustainable training capacity for Ghana.

Secondly, improving the safety and security of UN peacekeepers by improving medical support and ensuring the care and well-being of our personnel is a key obligation for Member States.

Denmark pledges to support the implementation of the Mental Health Strategy with financial contribution to the Digital Mental Health Platform and by reaffirming support to improve Casualty Evacuation capabilities in peacekeeping operations.

Thirdly, proper training is a precondition for successful peace-keeping. Therefore, Denmark is pledging to host a UN Infantry Battalions Training Materials Revision Workshop and a UN Senior National Planner Course.

Fourthly, it remains paramount to establish mechanisms that address the structural barriers to women's participation in peace processes. To strengthen the role of women in peace-keeping at all levels and in all positions is to strengthen peace-keeping itself.

Denmark reiterates its support to the Women, Peace & Security agenda with new financial support to the UN Senior Women Talent Pipeline and the DPO UN StratCom and by reaffirming our support to the Elsie Initiative.

Fifthly, Denmark will also work towards providing training and capacity building to local and national policing counterparts to a UN mission. This could be in the form of a joint Nordic Specialized Police Team focusing on promoting gender equality and the Women, Peace and Security agenda.

Lastly, Denmark reaffirms its continued personnel contribution to UNTSO, its financial contribution to projects supporting A4P and A4P+, and the logistical support that we have offered to the withdrawal and liquidation of MINUSMA.

Mr. President, thank you.