

Statement of the Republic of Finland
The UN Peacekeeping Ministerial, December 5 to 6, 2023

Finland is **strongly committed** to UN peacekeeping, contributing with uniformed personnel, as well as with extra budgetary funding. Through the years, Finland has contributed with more than 50 000 peacekeepers to over 50 different peacekeeping operations around the world.

Today, Finland contributes with around 200 soldiers to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (**UNIFIL**), and is the largest contributor of military observers in the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (**UNTSO**) with 15 officers.

Finland confirms the pledges for six different military units such as an Amphibious Task Unit, a Special Operations Force Unit and a Deployable CBRN Laboratory to the **UN Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System**, all currently on LEVEL 1. The total strength of all these units is above 700 persons.

The Finnish Defence Forces International Centre, FINCENT, has played an active role in developing a **UN Field Operations Security Management Programme** (UNFOSMP) for personnel of all UN entities in the field. FINCENT is committed to contributing to this initiative on an annual/bi-annual basis.

Finland will continue contributions to capacity building, training, and education in support of peacekeeping. FINCENT organizes a **UN's Military Observers Course (UNMOC)** twice a year with a Gender parity concept. The Nordic countries sponsor Female officers' participation in each course. Furthermore, FINCENT organizes yearly the **UN Comprehensive Protection of Civilians Course (UNCPOC)**.

Finland is committed to advancing women's full, equal and meaningful participation in all aspects of peace and security, including peacekeeping. We are pleased to continue our funding of the **Women's Military Peace Operations Course (WMPOC)**. Finland strongly supports the UN's efforts to ensure that peace operations uphold the highest standards. Finland provides extra-budgetary funding for a **strengthened screening policy** for the selection of senior leaders in the field.

Finland recognizes the importance of digital transformation of peacekeeping. To this end, Finland provides funding for the **Comprehensive Planning and Performance Assessment System (CPAS)**. We also promote environmental solutions to increase security and resilience of operations, including the **Green Camp** initiative.

As a proud Police Contributing Country Finland deploys police officers to the specialized police team on sexual and gender-based violence in the **UNMISS** operation in South Sudan. The Nordic countries will work towards jointly providing a **Specialized Police Team** as agreed with the UN.

Lastly, Finland welcomes the recommendations of the Secretary-General's **New Agenda for Peace** on strengthening peace operations and partnerships, to develop better integrated and more nimble and adaptable peace operations.