

Draft Closing Statement for Germany

To be delivered by State Secretary Nils Hilmer

In the Closing Ceremony of the UN Peacekeeping Ministerial

Accra, December 6, 2023

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- **Your excellency Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration,**
- **Your excellency Minister of Defence,**
- **Your excellency Under-Secretary-General Lacroix,**
- **Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,**
- **Germany would like to thank our host country Ghana, the group of Peacekeeping Ministerial Co-Chairs and the UN Secretariat, as well as all delegations present for the successful event that is now coming to its end.**
- **We would like to applaud our host, the government of Ghana for its engagement and determination which made this ministerial a great success! We are grateful for its outstanding hospitality and “Akwaaba” – “welcome”.**
- **We were pleased to see that here in Accra the discussions on the future of UN peacekeeping have gained momentum, and that a large number of concrete pledges have been announced by Member States during the first UN Peacekeeping Ministerial in Africa!**
- **As you probably know from previous Ministerials, it is the privilege of the last speaker of the meeting to announce the upcoming PKM.**
- **Being the last speaker of today, it is a special honor for me to inform you that Germany will host the next UN Peacekeeping Ministerial in 2025.**
- **We would like to keep up the momentum that was generated here in Accra, and we look forward to welcoming all of you in Berlin. We will**

continue the important discussions on the future of Peacekeeping and how to strengthen UN Peace Operations.

- **We are aware of the current challenges UN Peacekeeping is facing, and we believe that the world needs successful Peacekeeping in the future. This can only be achieved through cooperation and coordination, and we look forward that the Berlin Ministerial will further facilitate that.**
- **As of now, let me thank you for your dedication to UN Peacekeeping, and to wish you safe travels back to your home countries or a nice stay in Accra, as I hand back to the honorable Master of Ceremony.**
- **Thank you very much!**