

Draft National Statement for Germany

To be delivered by State Secretary Nils Hilmer

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- **Honorable Under-Secretary-General Khare,**
- **Excellencies, Ministers, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,**
- **At the outset, I would like to thank our host, the Government of Ghana for its overwhelming hospitality and the organization of this Peacekeeping Ministerial.**
- **Germany remains fully committed to UN Peacekeeping and will continue to partner with the United Nations and with all Troop- and Police Contributing Countries.**
- **Our police officers and soldiers currently serve in six UN peace operations, and we will expand our police participation.**
- **Germany continues to be the fourth-largest contributor to the peacekeeping budget. Even more significant, we are the largest contributor of extrabudgetary funding in peacekeeping and operational support. We care for peacekeeping, with its strong focus on Africa, and we aim to continue our engagement on this substantial level.**
- **Today, we would like to announce a variety of new pledges:**
- **We will provide adequate Personal Protective Equipment for up to 1.500 Women Peacekeepers to Troop Contributing Countries, as well as counter-IED Equipment and Buddy First Aid Kits.**
- **Germany fully supports the UN's Environment Strategy for Peace Operations. We will source 80% of electricity from renewable energy by 2030 in our camps in Peacekeeping Operations, for instance in UNIFIL. Together with the Department of Operational Support, we will provide**

Missions and Troop Contributing Countries with renewable energy systems.

- **We also support environmental management training with the Triangular Partnership Programme.**
- **Germany will host the Women's Military Peace Operations Course in Berlin in Summer 2024. And we are proud to announce an additional contribution to the Elsie Initiative Fund to promote the meaningful participation of women at all levels in UN peace operations. We continue to support projects fostering the Protection of Civilians as well as the use of technology in peacekeeping.**
- **We support the implementation of the Mental Health Strategy for Uniformed UN Personnel, together with partners from Denmark, Guatemala, Israel, Ireland and the Netherlands, inter alia with a financial contribution to the Digital Mental Health Platform.**
- **Germany is an important contributor to the Peacekeeping-Intelligence Academy in Entebbe and intends to deploy Mobile Training Teams on Military Peacekeeping-Intelligence in the future.**
- **The German Armed Forces will host a Train-the-trainer course for UN staff officer in Germany in 2025 and, just like the German Police, will offer training courses, both in-mission and through Mobile Training Teams.**
- **And last but not least, Germany will foster interoperability between the United Nations and the African Union on operational support.**
- **Again, I am extremely grateful to Ghana for having provided this opportunity and for having facilitated our next steps to boost United Nations Peacekeeping.**
- **Thank you very much!**