Good Morning

Receive a sincere and fraternal greeting from all Guatemalans, and I am extremely honored to be the spokesman of a country that day after day struggles like all the peoples of the world to see a sunrise shining full of peace and harmony for all humanity.

The State of Guatemala, through its Army, currently contributes with the effort made by the United Nations Organization in the field of Peace Operations, with a Special Forces unit KAIBIL, which is deployed in the MONUSCO mission, counting this unit with the recognition of the Force Commander for his achievements and high performance.

In this order of ideas, Guatemala is aware that it is a humanitarian duty to redouble efforts for the achievement of that worldwide desire to achieve peace in every place, that is why with instructions from the high command of the Guatemalan Army we present at the United Nations, another unit of Special Forces, a unit of Military Police and a Unit of Construction Engineers, to be deployed and contribute even more in that effort to maintain peace.

Likewise, we offer officers and specialists with experience in peace missions, to fulfill tasks as Military Observers, Staff Officers and Section Chiefs in the different missions.

In the area of training and coaching we have unified efforts with friendly countries in order to professionalize our personnel in Peace Operations, which we thank for the support of the Governments of Canada and the United States of North America, training Officers to date and Specialists in Peace Operations courses of the United Nations.

We have attended to the recommended in the gender issue, providing the same opportunities for both women and men, to participate in training or training in
Peace Operations. Counting currently with female staff of officers and specialists deployed in Colombia and South Sudan.

It is made available to friendly countries that require it to train personnel, the UNMOC and UNSOC courses in the Regional Peacekeeping Operations Training Command (CREOMPAZ), which is certified by the Department of Peace Operations of the UN.

A responsibility that the Army of Guatemala sees very seriously, is the aspect related to the operational capacity, mental health and behavior of the soldier to participate in Missions of Peace, this commitment guarantees the strict respect on the part of the Guatemalan Soldier to the children, the woman and civilians in total respect for Human Rights without any distinction.

I would like to end my speech by emphasizing the commitment of the State of Guatemala to the United Nations Organization to provide the appropriate human resource for the fulfillment of the assigned missions, because the commitment is not only with our country, our commitment is with world peace, because Guatemalans love peace.