

Your Excellency Secretary General of the United Nations,
Your Excellency, President of the Republic of Ghana
Dear Ministers,
Ladies and Gentlemen

First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Republic of Ghana for hosting the UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Conference and the Member States that hosted the preparatory meetings.

In addition, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to you who have been steadfastly companionship for preserving the world's peace and security when international security context and multilateralism are challenging, and I wish success for the meeting.

Dear Excellencies and delegates

Mongolia strongly supports UN Secretary Generals A4P initiatives, in particular improving the Peacekeeping performance and accountability, safety and security of the peacekeepers, enhancing renewable energy, increasing women participation, and addressing Peacekeepers the mental health issue.

International Day of UN Peacekeepers in 2023, we reviewed our 21 years of UN PKO experience, and lessons but also discussed the roles and challenges of today's PKO and we defined policies and goals. In this context, we intend to increase our UN Peacekeeping Operations deployment and capacity in the following areas:

First, Mongolia registered 4 specialized military units in level II of the UN Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System based on our Armed Forces' capability, and the requirements of the UN. we are planning to elevate and the Engineering Company and the Level II Field Military Hospital to Level III possibly to RDL of the PCRS in 2024.

Second, During the UN Military Advisor General Birami Diop's official visit to Mongolia this year, he proposed to launch the Pilot Project to support the families of peacekeepers deployed to the UN PKO and their social well-being. The Ministry of Defense and the Armed Forces of Mongolia welcomed and supported the initiative, and a draft project was developed and presented to Mr. Lacroix for review and recommendation. We pledge to implement the "Peacekeepers Family Support Pilot Project" in cooperation with the UN DPO and UN Resident Coordinator Office and provide feedback and lessons learned.

Third, the President of Mongolia, Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh, during his participation in the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly, announced that Mongolia would plant and grow "1 billion trees". In the framework of this initiative, the Mongolian Armed Forces has established Engineering and Ecology units and planted 2 million trees out of targeting 27.5 million, and have been undertaking tasks and measures such as arboriculture and creating green belts to protect against sand migration and desertification, and ensuring ecological balance. I also would like to emphasize that many other countries are supporting our activities and cooperating with us. (no comment)

Also, I pledge, Mongolia will increase renewable energy capacity of the Infantry Battalion deployed in UNMISS.

Fourth, Mongolia expressed its full support to the UNSC resolution 1325 "Women, Peace and Security", and we pledge to increase women's deployment to reach 15 percent by 2027. As a result of our continued engagement, Mongolia increased its female peacekeepers' participation from 6.25 to 11.9 percent in the military unit and from 9 to 23 percent among the uniformed individual personnel in the last two years. I am pleased to inform you that in 2022, Mongolia successfully hosted an international conference "Strengthening the Role of Women Peacekeepers" in Ulaanbaatar and the President of Mongolia has put forward the initiative of hosting a women peacekeeper's international conference every 5 years.

Fifth, Mongolia has paid special attention to proper and extensive training of peacekeepers and increasing peacekeeping performance, and we will increase the training on the protection of civilians, safety, and security, strategic communication, mental health issues, and performance and accountability of peacekeepers. The Armed Forces of Mongolia will continue to host the annual "Khaan Quest" Multinational Peacekeeping Field Training and Command Post Exercises. Over the next two years, Mongolia pledges to train 1000 Peacekeepers from the regional member states in PKO tactics, techniques, and professional skills and we intend to invite more peacekeepers from the African continent. Also, Mongolia pledges to host the UN PKO Senior Planners Course in September 2024 and intends to cover the relevant training costs in the country.

Finally, I would like to stress that the Government of Mongolia and its Armed Forces will continue the consistent contribution to international and regional peace and stability, strengthening military trust and increasing its participation in UN peacekeeping operations.

Let's work together for human tranquillity, world peace, and the welfare of future generations. No comment

May the eternal blue sky bless us forever.

Thank you for your attention.