

## Pakistan

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning,

This is an important session as we reaffirm our resolve and deep commitment to UN Peacekeeping.

2. Today's peace operations face new realities and challenges increasingly shaped by (i) divergent objectives and priorities resulting from an increased geopolitical rivalry; (ii) lack of political will; (iii) insufficient resource allocation; (iv) proliferation of non-state actors; (v) evolving nature of conflicts; and (vi) weaponization of new technologies and the information space.

3. Pakistan believes that there is a need to adapt Peacekeeping to correspond to the evolving needs, and to allow for more agile, tailored responses to existing, emerging and future challenges.

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4. Pakistan supports strengthening partnerships with regional and cross-regional organizations including OIC to enforce peace across many regions of the world. Pakistan also welcomes UN Security Council Resolution 2719 on African Union-led peace support operations.

5. Pakistan's ongoing cooperation with other countries includes peacekeeping training at Centre for International Peace and Stability in Islamabad which offers extensive pre-deployment courses for United Nations missions. So far, 208 training programs have been conducted, preparing 3,620 peacekeepers, including 648 allied officers. Currently, nine courses are underway, four of which are certified by the UN Integrated Training Service. Pakistan also hosted the 28th Annual Conference of International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centers at CIPS in November 2024.

6. Pakistan has pledged to host the next Peacekeeping Ministerial meeting in 2027 in Islamabad. I further wish to make following pledges today:

\* First, consistent with UN requirements, Pakistan is pleased to re-affirm provision of its 26 x different outfits already pledged on Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System. We also pledge to provide critical enablers such as Level II Hospital, Bridging Platoon and Rapid Reaction Police Unit to address the mission specific gaps and future needs of UN.

\* Second, in order to address the growing challenges of IEDs, we pledge the elevation of our EOD Company Rapid Deployment Level for the 2026/27 cycle in order to address the growing challenges of IEDS. This will enable the Secretariat to bridge the existing mission specific gap against the IEDs threats.

\* Third, we will continue to offer to the UN our Centre for International Peace and Stability for the conduct of regular peacekeeping courses. In addition to the existing courses, Pakistan will organize Counter IED and Field Medical Assistants Courses workshops along with various workshops and round table meets.

\* Fourth, Pakistan is also cognizant with the UN's effort of reducing the environmental footprint of the missions through a transition to renewable energy. We pledge to deploy renewable energy systems with all out new deployments in future. Moreover, we are already deploying Portable Incinerators with our Level II Hospital in CAR<sup>3</sup> for safe hospital waste disposal.

\* Fifth, Pakistan is strongly dedicated to promoting women's representation in peacekeeping contingents. We have nearly achieved the requisite target of Uniformed Gender Parity in Military Staff Officers and are committed to enhance our women peacekeepers in contingents. We also pledge to host the Women's Military Peace Operations Course in 2026/27 at CIPS.

\* Last, to enhance capacity-building partnership with other Troop Contributing Countries, we are considering conduct of Heavy Engineering Equipment Operators Course and Weapons and Ammunition Management Course under the ambit of Triangular Partnership Program. Moreover, as part of our legacy we have already handed over 17 Water Treatment Plants to the host community upon repatriation of contingents from DRC and are ready to donate more elsewhere on repatriation or closure of the camp sites.

7. In conclusion, let us leave this meeting with a renewed commitment to the success of global peacekeeping efforts.

I, thank you.