

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

United Nations peacekeeping operations are demonstration of our commitment to the values written in the United Nations Charter. Maintenance of international peace and security have never been an effortless task. However, rapid evolution of the security environment arise new challenges for all member states and brave people who devoted their service to this noble goal.

Poland as a participant of peacekeeping operations recognizes the need to continue collective efforts aimed at better adaptation of the missions and enhancement of their effectiveness. That is why we reiterate our strong and continuous support for Action for Peacekeeping initiative introduced by the Secretary General Antonio Guterres. Bearing in mind progress already made, it is crucial to kept the next phase of the initiative - A4P+ as an utmost priority.

We also express our support of Women Peace and Security agenda, which remain core issue regarding transformation of the peacekeeping. Poland has already introduced measures that encourage women to join armed forces. We also continue our efforts to ensure the appropriate women ratio in Polish contribution to UN peacekeeping efforts.

Poland fully subscribes to the conviction that peacekeeping missions have to evolve their capabilities as well as system to fulfil given mandates. At this context, modern technologies and digital transformation must be of particular importance. That is why Poland express its support for Seoul Initiative on Technology and Medical Capacity Building in Peacekeeping. We believe that one of the lessons learned regarding the Covid-19 pandemic is that we ought to use knowledge and technologies to support our fight against the virus and to protect human lives.

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Gathering our experiences from UNIFIL mission in Lebanon as well as presence of Polish military observers in other UN operations, we see the capabilities and mindset area, one of priorities outlined in the A4P+, as particularly close to our approach and priorities regarding peacekeeping. We believe that only well-tailored, specialized training system may ensure successful operation as well as right level of protection for both peacekeepers and civilians.

Enhancement of the performance and accountability of peacekeepers remain one of our top priorities. Therefore, today Poland declares readiness to support peacekeeping efforts thorough providing the United Nations with Military Observers Course conducted by Military Training Centre for Foreign Operations in Kielce, Poland to all member states of the UN. Our main aim is to turn all capable and skilful military officers into competent peacekeepers that in line with core values of the United Nations shall fulfil their mandates as participants of multinational peace forces. At this point, we also would like to express our gratitude to the DPO team for all support and cooperation during successful course's certification process.

We remain open for further fruitful collaboration between our parties. As a country that 2 years ago returned to the UN peacekeeping, we remain open to consider further possibilities of

expanding our engagement and contribution. Important factor though is the stability of our own region and its security environment.

Dear Colleagues,

The evolution of the peacekeeping may last only through our continuous and collective engagement. That is why we look forward to cooperate with all parties interested in future training partnerships. Poland has and will support all the UN efforts to make world better and safer place.

Thank you very much.