

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me begin by expressing thanks to the Government of the Republic of Ghana, for hosting this important conference.

There are no doubts that UN peacekeeping faces difficult challenges. We are witnessing an escalation of conflicts in various parts of the world. Despite differences in scale, engaged actors as well as geographical distances, proliferation of tensions affects our security environment and requires continuous engagement as well as new answers.

Poland believes that UN Peacekeeping operations remain indispensable tool for sustaining peace and protection of innocent civilians. However, fulfilment of these goals requires not only better adaptation of the missions and enhancement of their effectiveness but also redefinition of their mandates and approach to given tasks.

That is why Poland, as an active participant of peacekeeping operations, reiterate strong and continuous support for ongoing reforms, especially initiatives A4P and A4P+, introduced by the Secretary General. We also welcome proposals aimed at strengthening peacekeeping operations indicated in the “New Agenda for Peace”.

Poland express support of Women Peace and Security agenda, which remain core issue regarding transformation of the peacekeeping. In order to integrate women participation we continue our efforts to encourage women to join armed forces as well as to ensure the appropriate women ratio in Polish contribution to the UN peacekeeping efforts.

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Bearing in mind our experiences from the UNIFIL mission in Lebanon as well as presence of Polish military observers in other UN operations, 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.

Therefore, we reiterate our 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.

What is more, Poland declares its readiness to further support UN peacekeeping efforts by deploying staff officers to the UNIFIL mission in Lebanon where we already have more than 200 soldiers

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Despites numerous challenges and threats that we currently face on both global and regional level; Poland will continue its engagement and support of the UN Peacekeeping. As a country that strongly believes in values enshrined in the United Nations Charter, we see it as our utmost duty. Thank you very much.