

**I would like to first express my sincere appreciation to Ghana for hosting the Peacekeeping Ministerial Meeting this year.**

**I also offer special tribute to the Blue Helmets, whose tireless efforts ensure stability in the world's most troubled regions.**

**UN peacekeeping represents one of the most significant political innovations in our pursuit of international peace and security.**

**Yet, as missions confront increasingly challenging environments, they must remain fit for purpose to address these complexities.**

**In this context, Korea strongly supports the Secretary-General's initiatives to strengthen UN peace operations, including the New Agenda for Peace.**

**Today, I wish to make five points.**

**First, deploying better trained and equipped peacekeepers is critical to meet given mandates.**

**Korea will continue to partner with the UN to provide engineering equipment and training to Cambodia.**

**Next year, we will expand this triangular partnership to include other ASEAN TCCs in counter-IED and medical training initiatives.**

**Korea will also deliver the 16 helicopters pledged in 2021.**

**Second, we should explore harnessing new technologies to improve mission effectiveness.**

**Korea will continue supporting the DOS-led UN Smart Camp initiative, which employs smart technologies to protect peacekeepers while minimizing their environmental footprint.**

**Our mission in South Sudan is developing a smart camp prototype, the development of which we hope to share with the UN community.**

**Third, addressing tensions between missions, host governments and local communities is paramount.**

**To this end, Korea pledges to support UN strategic communication efforts to combat mis- and disinformation, including the development of a cross-platform to monitor and analyze such threats.**

**Korea believes that increasing CIMIC activities will help deepen local community engagement.**

**Experience from Korean peacekeepers shows that such interactions enhance their security and support mandate delivery.**

**Fourth, Korea's dedication to increasing women's participation in peace operations remains unwavering.**

**We will host training courses for female military officers and contribute an additional \$500,000 to the Elsie Initiative.**

**We also pledge to organize a cross-mission learning session at the Conference on Action with Women and Peace to be held in Korea next year.**

**Finally, as Korea prepares to join the Security Council next year, we commit to working with all partners to reach sustaining peace.**

**In this regard, we pledge 3 million dollars to DPO and DOS, 3.5 million dollars to the DPPA multi-year appeal, and 8 million dollars to the Peacebuilding Fund.**

**I thank you.**