

STATEMENT
of the Head of Romanian Delegation
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Training and Capacity Building, Partnerships, Cross-Cutting issues

Distinguished audience,

First of all, I would like to **congratulate the Federal Republic of Germany** for its hard-work and sustained efforts to organize this ministerial meeting in a very challenging international security context.

I strongly believe this meeting sends a powerful message that the **global support to peacekeeping** is not only materialized through military and law enforcement contributions but also offers an important platform for discussions while finding the best ways to address the current and future challenges.

The current international security situation, marked by turmoil around the globe, as well as recent events, brought to light **new models of military affairs**, which include making use of private military companies while denying any national involvement for certain actions. While we try to find the best answers and reactions to this evolution, it is clear that we need a **common approach under the UN aegis** to better frame these issues.

Two-thirds of UN peacekeepers are deployed in high-risk environments, where peacekeeping fatalities are caused by acts of over the recent years. A strengthened cooperation between states is of paramount importance in order to tackle more complex and sometimes more dangerous operations.

Romania will continue to support UN efforts in order to ensure international peace and security while taking into consideration that the success of peacekeeping operations is achieved through the availability of the needed capabilities with proper selection and training.

Moreover, Romania remains strongly committed to implement the **Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) Initiative and Action for Peacekeeping + (A4P+) Priorities**, and as an active member of the UN, **we have integrated one of the commitments of the A4P, namely the gender perspective** based on the UNSCR 1325 Women, Peace and Security, into all aspects of our national security approach.

In the same vein, for more than 9 years, Romania has been **highly supportive of the activity of the UN Office of the Special Coordinator on improving the UN response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse**, with an expert on law matters. **We remain committed** to addressing this issue and **we fully support UN's zero tolerance policy**.

Ladies and gentlemen, we consider that more than ever, the key word should be **“cooperation”**. UN cannot be efficient without cooperation between its member states, while also having a higher need for cooperation with NGOs and other international and regional organizations. Without a doubt, even inside the UN, projects can be better developed and sustained with the contribution of multiple countries and organizations.

In this respect, we fully support strengthening the **EU-UN partnership**, by implementing the joint priorities on crisis management and peace operations. Also,

it is important to make full use of the EU-UN Framework Agreement on Mutual Support for the missions and operations in the field.

At the same time, we support the **continuation of operational efforts in Africa**, in line with the principle “African solutions to African problems”. Local ownership, as well as cooperation with regional and international efforts is the key in preventing the spread of threats with the influence of malign actors and the expansion of instability.

Romania recognizes that **high-end capabilities are critical in order to enable any peacekeeping mission to fulfil its mandate**. In that vein, Romania has pledged two aviation units, respectively a C-27J Spartan airlift aircraft with 50 service personnel and a medium utility helicopter unit. It should be underlined that the rotary wing unit has been previously deployed to MINUSMA in the 2019 – 2020 timeframe and **now it is supporting EUFOR Althea, a European Union mission under UN mandate**.

Other mutually-agreed commitments of the A4P regard both **the protection of civilians and peacekeepers**, and in order to manage the threat posed by Explosive Devices while enhancing safety and security, I mention that Romania pledges to maintain an EOD group, comprised of 30 service personnel as one of the contributions to the UN Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System (UN PCRS).

Moreover, on the ground, we consider that infantry units are the backbone of most military components in UN peacekeeping missions. Hence, Romania pledges an infantry company with 178 troops that can be integrated in a multinational battalion.

We have to acknowledge that the **global security environment becomes, year after year, more dynamic, more unpredictable where we face a wide spectrum of new challenges**, expanding from the classical military conflicts to hybrid, complex threats. Nowadays more than ever, **a comprehensive and integrated approach at UN level is key to achieving international peace and security**.

Thank you for your attention!