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Secretary-General António Guterres,
Distinguished Ministers,
Excellences,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues,

At the outset, I wish to convey our sincere appreciation to the Federal Republic of Germany for hosting and convening this important Peacekeeping Ministerial.

For over 75 years, UN peacekeeping has been an instrumental part of an integrated approach to peace and security, preventing conflict escalation, supporting political transitions, protecting civilians, and fostering the conditions necessary for lasting peace. It also has been the cornerstone of multilateralism in action.

In this context, we honor the unwavering dedication of peacekeepers serving under challenging conditions and pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Colleagues,

Today, we stand at a critical crossroads.

We face increasingly complex and multidimensional threats — from active conflicts and asymmetric warfare to climate insecurity and deepening geopolitical fragmentation.

Peacekeeping is being tested like never before.

Therefore, we need to ask ourselves:
What must peacekeeping become to remain relevant and effective in this new era?

Slovenia firmly believes that the future of UN peacekeeping depends on a bold/ambitious, yet realistic/sustainable transformation — one that stays true to the principles of the UN Charter, but also adapts to the challenges of our time.

That is why we welcome the ongoing reform efforts, and fully support their aim — to make peace operations more effective, more responsive, better integrated, and truly fit for purpose — so they can address real needs on the ground.

We must move beyond traditional, reactive models and embrace approaches that are proactive, dynamic, adaptable yet sustainable.

This requires:

- Realistic and well-resourced mandates, that are clearly focused on the core purpose of peacekeeping,
- Stronger links between peacekeeping, prevention, and long-term peacebuilding,
- And broad, inclusive partnerships — with host countries, regional actors, local communities but also other actors.

Above all, peacekeeping must be more efficient, yet people-centered, in harmony with the needs of those it serves, and committed to protecting the most vulnerable.

And finally, we must enhance efficiency through smarter planning, innovation, and effective use of technology, making peacekeeping more responsive, accountable, and results-driven, even in times of limited resources.

All of this, our credibility depends on predictable and stable financing. Slovenia fully meets its financial commitments, and we call on all Member States to do the same. The effectiveness and credibility of peacekeeping operations rest on this shared responsibility.

As an active member of the United Nations, and a contributor to missions such as UNTSO, UNFICYP, and UNMIK, Slovenia remains firmly committed to ensure that peacekeeping continues to protect, and bring peace and security where it is needed.

Colleagues,

The future of peacekeeping is not only a question of vision, capabilities or financial means, it is a question of political will.

This is the opportunity to renew/remodel the vision of peacekeeping, not as a legacy of the past, but as a vital tool for the future.

Slovenia stands ready to play its part to help ensure that peacekeeping remains a credible, capable, and effective instrument for generations to come.

The challenges ahead are real. But so is our shared commitment to peace.

Let us seize this moment.

Thank you.