

Statement by Sweden at the UN PKM, May 14, 2025

Mr. Secretary General, Excellencies, and distinguished guests,

Allow me to express my gratitude towards the Federal Republic of Germany for your hospitality in arranging this Ministerial meeting.

The international rules-based world order is being challenged at its core. We see this deteriorating development in many parts of the world, as well as in conflict areas. It is paramount that we continue to work together to safeguard the UN Charter at its values.

Sweden has long been and remains committed to supporting the UN in adapting its peacekeeping strategies to address evolving challenges with efficiency and credibility. We must ensure that our missions are equipped with the necessary resources, technology, and training to navigate the complexities of modern conflict.

To this end, Sweden is proud to make the following pledges:

On training and capacity building Sweden pledges to:

- Offer to integrate a Mis-/Dis-/Malign Information and Hate Speech module into UNSOC courses provided by SWEDINT.
- Facilitate UNSOC with a training-of-trainers concept at SWEDINT's training center in Sweden.
- Facilitate the Simulated Junior Officer Tactical Course using existing simulator resources in Sweden.
- Provide additional TOT-concept support specifically within counter-IED and counterinsurgency.

- Offer a specialized training course on gender analysis to the Office of Military Affairs.
- Continue to offer capacity building support on an ad-hoc basis.

Sweden also remains dedicated to further enhancing the capacity of police and corrections components in peacekeeping missions, and therefore pledges to:

- Continue supporting pre-deployment training through the Light Coordination Mechanism.
- Support the UN system and its member states with corrections-specific pre-deployment trainings and field missions.
- Through secondment to UNODC, support enhanced cooperation and engagement within the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Policing.

To further strengthen the development and enhancement of UN policies and capabilities relevant for peacekeeping, Sweden pledges to take lead on establishing a Senior Advisory Group with like-minded TCC's to offer military expertise to the DPP and OMA as requested.

Furthermore, Sweden pledges to continue our financial support to specific projects through the extrabudgetary funds.

Recognizing that the prevention and elimination of sexual exploitation and abuse is <u>crucial</u> to maintain trust and credibility in the UN's peacekeeping efforts, Sweden pledges to establish a Senior Advisory Group on prevention of SEA. The Swedish Armed Forces also stand ready to help develop training packages related to the prevention of SEA.

To strengthen UN peacekeeping missions' political coherence with partners, Sweden commits to the secondment of one expert in strategic and integrated planning and/or strategic partnerships.

Sweden will also uphold our commitment to seconding female corrections officers and support the UN Gender Parity Strategy, as well as the Trailblazer
Award initiative. Moreover, we will contribute to short-term secondments through the Justice and Corrections Standing Capacity and support UN operations with essential equipment where relevant.

Finally, Ghana and Sweden jointly commit to preparing and conducting a tailor-made Challenges Annual Forum in 2025 through the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre and the Challenges Forum International Secretariat hosted by the Swedish Folke Bernadotte Academy.

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These pledges and targeted efforts reflect Sweden's unwavering commitment to enhancing the effectiveness and integrity of UN peacekeeping operations.

Thank you.