

Intervention (Remarks) by Air Chief Marshal Chakorn Tawanjang,
Deputy Chief of Joint Staff, Royal Thai Armed Forces
at the United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial Meeting
on 6 December 2023 in Accra, Ghana

Your Excellency, Mr. Chairman, Ministers,
Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Minister of Defense of Thailand, I am honored to inform you of Thailand's progress and successes in UN peacekeeping operations.

Since Thailand pledged to contribute Engineer Company, Field Hospital, Well Drilling Unit, staff officers and training for peacekeepers, it has been Thailand's earnest and continued commitment to turn the pledges into concrete results. At this Ministerial Meeting, it is my privilege to announce Thailand's commitment to the UN peace operations.

Distinguished delegates,

Currently, 294 Thai military and police personnel are serving across four UN peacekeeping missions in: Abyei (UNISFA), South Sudan (UNMISS), Somalia (UNSOM), Jammu and Kashmir (UNMOGIP). A Thai Horizontal Military Engineer Company has contributed to the stabilization, peace and the development of South Sudan since 2018 through road construction, vocational training and introducing of new agricultural theories, bestowed upon by the late King Rama the Ninth, to the local community. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am delighted to announce that, in addition to Field Hospital and Well Drilling Unit, the Formed Police Unit will be pledged to the UN Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System as well as

additional deployment of qualified and well-trained staff officers, police and military observers.

At the training and capacity building pillar, Thailand has hosted multinational training and exercise regularly. Since 1998, Thailand and Australia have co-hosted Peacekeeping Exercise to which participants from Asia-Pacific countries. The Thai Armed Forces is also sponsoring students from ASEAN countries to its UN Staff Officer, and is working with partner countries to bring students outside ASEAN to its Staff Officer and Observer Courses. In addition, Thailand is looking for more opportunities to co-host peacekeeping training with the UN Integrated Training Service as it was once successfully conducted in 2021 in Phuket, and hosting the UN Triangular Partnership Program at its training facility.

At political front, it is also Thailand's commitment to support the agendas that are necessary for successful peacekeeping, such as the Declaration of Shared Commitments on UN Peacekeeping and its subsequent A4P-Plus initiative. On Women, Peace and Security, Thailand has provided deployment opportunities to female personnel. Currently, our individual female military and police officers are accounted for 38 percent its total strength whereas, starting from 2024, the Thai Engineer Company will significantly increased female members as well. Lastly, the prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuses and Human Rights Violations is also emphasized, and our pledged units will be equipped with situational awareness capability in support of the mission's efforts to protect those at risk.

Thank you.
