Distinguished Ministers,

Excellencies, Dear Guests,

- Let me start by thanking the Republic of Korea and the United Nations for this meeting.
- I was in beautiful Seoul in October. It is good to connect again with Korean friends.
- We should continue our joint efforts to enhance the capabilities of peacekeeping operations.
- Performance and accountability are two key areas that we should work on to make these operations more effective.
- These areas are also addressed by Secretary General’s “Action for Peacekeeping” (A4P) initiative in 2018.
- The advancement made in the women, peace and security (WPS) agenda is also an asset for increased accountability and performance.
- We also commend the “Seoul Initiative” that highlights the importance of technology and medical capacity in peacekeeping.
- We need to encourage accountability with a victim-centered approach.

Dear colleagues,

- Despite significant progress has been made reforming the UN peacekeeping architecture since the launch of the A4P, we still have a long way to go.
- The international community is yet to implement the Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations, also known as the Brahimi Report.
- UN Peacekeeping’s success require the consent of all sides.
This is also valid for Cyprus. Let me underline the need for the UN to seek the consent of the Turkish Cypriot authorities for the UN Peacekeeping Force on the Island.

Furthermore, it should be recalled that the only occupation on the Island took place in 1963, which in fact led to the deployment of UN Peace Force in 1964.

Dear friends,

Since its establishment, Turkey has contributed 2.9 million US Dollars to the UN Peacebuilding Fund. Our support to the Fund will continue.

Turkey continues its contributions to peacekeeping operations around the globe, from Africa to the Middle East and Balkans.

(UNAMID (Darfur), UNIFIL (Lebanon), UNMIK (Kosovo), UNMISS (South Sudan), UNITAMS (Sudan), MINUSMA (Mali) and MONUSCO (Democratic Republic of Congo) with 151 personnel and a corvette)

Let me restate the following commitments:

- **Five staff officers** to be deployed on demand to the headquarters of the MINUSMA (Minuzma) (Mali)
- **One transport aircraft** to be deployed on demand, either at MINUSMA (Mali) or MINUSCA (Minuska - Central African Republic).
- **Training for UN personnel** at Centers of Excellence in Turkey, such as the Partnership for Peace Center.
- **Maritime security training** for UN personnel.

In concluding, let me praise the contribution of the peacekeepers to the work of the UN.

I also honor the memory of the fallen peacekeepers.

Turkey will continue to support UN efforts.

Thank you.