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**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.