

UAE Statement “2021 Seoul UN Peacekeeping Ministerial”

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The United Arab Emirates is honored to be part of the 2021 Seoul UN Peacekeeping Ministerial, and I would like to thank the co-chairs of the Peacekeeping Ministerial process and the UN Secretariat for all the preparatory work. I would also like to express my gratitude to the Republic of Korea, for their leadership in this endeavor and for hosting this important event.

Peacekeeping missions are a vital component of the United Nations responsibility for maintaining international peace and security and one of the most visible and recognizable activities of our organization. The UAE is deeply committed to the United Nations peace operations and will continue its support in the future. Peacekeeping missions are also deployed in more volatile environments and are facing new threats. The evolution of the conflict dynamics imposes a constant adaptation of peacekeeping to remain fit for purpose. In this regard, we welcome and support the SG’s efforts and his A4P initiative.

Also, the UAE believes that for peace to be truly sustainable it must be inclusive. In this regard, we echo the UN’s efforts to ensure the full, equal, and meaningful participation of women in political processes, as well as the increase of women peacekeepers. In this context, the UAE launched its first National Action Plan to implement UNSC Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security in march 2021. There is no doubt that increasing the number and capabilities of female peacekeepers is necessary to achieve a more sustainable and successful peace operation. Additionally, one of our flagship initiatives is the Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak Women Peace and Security Initiative in partnership with UN Women. The programme helped to train approximately 357 women from the Middle East, Africa and Asia, with the necessary skills to enable them to contribute to the maintenance of peace and security and carry out their tasks. The programme is a concrete contribution from the UAE for the implementation to UNSC Resolution 1325.

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Today I am delighted to announce the following pledges with an estimated value of USD 10 million:

1. The UAE will train (200) women, nominated by their governments, through a foundational training course at Khawla Bint Al-Azwar Military School over a period of 4 years, in order to build the capacity of women in the security sector and effectively contribute to efforts towards increasing women's representation in peacekeeping operations. The UAE will cover all the necessary costs during the duration of the training course. Furthermore, The UAE will continue to explore further avenues with the UN and other partners in the area of capability building.

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2. The UAE also pledges to provide logistical and material support to the UN in order to address the short- and medium-term needs of peacekeepers that are critical to ensure their mission success.

We look forward to working with Member States and the UN system to strengthen and enhance UN peacekeeping and close the capability gaps through sustainable partnerships. Also, as a member of the security council in 2022-2023, the UAE will spare no efforts in reinforcing UN peacekeeping through various means.

Thank you.