



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

STATEMENT

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Vision: *"To have an Efficient, Effective and Accountable Defence of the People of Uganda"*

Mission: *"To Provide Strategic Support to the UPDF in carrying out its Constitutional Mandate and to ensure Effective Reintegration and Resettlement of Military Veterans into Civilian Life"*

**Your Excellency, the Secretary General of the United Nations,
The Representative of the Host Government of the Republic
of Korea,**

**You're Excellences, the Heads of Delegations and member of
your delegations,**

Distinguished participants, ladies and gentlemen

As the Head of Delegation and Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs of the Republic of Uganda, I would like to start by thanking the United Nations Secretariat for organizing this biennial Peace-keeping Ministerial. Let me also thank the Host Nations and Government of the Republic of Korea for hosting this Ministerial and the hospitality extended to my delegation since our arrival in Seoul.

Your Excellences, the Government of the Republic of Uganda is committed to international peace and security by fulfilling its obligations under the UN, AU and sub-regional organizations. We shall also continue to partner with the UN and offer unreserved support for use of the Regional service Centre at Entebbe as we enhance the efforts to improve service delivery in the UN and UN-mandated Peace-keeping Missions.

Your Excellences the government of the Republic of Uganda renews its commitment to increase women in peace-keeping, not just in terms of numbers but also in ensuring better performance.

And at the same time commit to *zero* tolerance of Sexual Exploitation and abuse (SEA) and the support to the UN fund for SEA victims.

Your Excellences, our contribution to peace-keeping shall also include the implementation of A4P and A4P+ with particular attention to the seven (7) priority areas.

Finally, Your Excellences, allow me to conclude by pledging the following units that are already registered on the UN Peace-keeping Capability Readiness System (PCRS):

1. One Generic Infantry Battalion deployable in 90 days
2. One Special/Quick Reaction Force Company in 90 days
3. One level 2 hospital deployable in 90 days

Thank you for your attention