REMARKS BY HEAD OF DELEGATION

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Your Excellency, Antonia Guterres - UN Secretary General

Your Excellency, LA Croix – Under Secretary, Department of Peace Operation

Your Excellency, Atul Khare – Under Secretary, Department of Operational Support

Our Hosts the German Federal Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defence

Fellow Heads of Delegations

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear Participants,

As I am taking the floor for the first time during this conference, allow me first and foremost to appreciate the hospitality extended to me and my delegation by our hosts the German Federal Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence. We have valued this very highly and shall definitely reciprocate whenever time allows.

Permit me also to thank all of those that made remarks before me, for the strong messages and support towards peacekeeping. All these will surely help in closing existing capacity, capability and peacekeeping gaps and adapting peace operations to better respond to current existing challenges and new realities.

I bring you greetings from the President of the Republic of Uganda, H. E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and the people of Uganda, where peacekeeping is one of the key priority areas of our forces. We actively play vital roles in sub-regional, regional and international peacekeeping and while we appear to have few blue berets, we have the greatest numbers of the UN mandated peacekeeping operations green berets.

I also believe that we have the highest experience of consecutive chapter seven peacekeeping which we have handled in Somalia since 2007 to date. In all the mandates UN has authorized for Somalia, there has been protection of civilians in a situation where the forces are combating terrorism in an athmetric warfare with Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) as a weapon of choice.

Let me testify here today that the success of the UN mandated peacekeeping Missions in Somalia i.e. AMISOM, ATMIS and now AUSSOM has greatly depended upon the quality and quantities of the capacities, capabilities and integrated approaches of the Troop/Police Contributing Countries. Through such meetings like this Ministerial, we will definitely continue to do better and more realistic peacekeeping.

As for Uganda, we pledge to continue availing the premises hosting the multifunctional UN Regional Service Centre at Entebbe with willingness to support its expansion.

We also pledge 02 x Infantry Battalions, and two Formed Police Units, one of which is 50% female. These are all already registered at the UN Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System.

I thank you for listening to me and God bless you all.

I thank you

Ambassador Stephen Mubiru Ambassador of Uganda in Germany