

**UN 2023 PEACEKEEPING MINISTERIAL**

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**STATEMENT**

**BY**

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**Hon Ministers and Heads of Delegations**

**Excellencies Ambassadors**

**Dear Delegates**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

**Mr Chairman**

First and foremost, allow me to thank the Republic of Ghana for hosting this important conference and for the hospitality extended to my delegation from the time of our arrival.

In the same vein, I would like to extend our appreciation to the Member States that hosted and

co-hosted the four preparatory conferences that have led to the successful conduct of this Ministerial.

### **Mr Chairman**

Uganda has always attached great importance to international peace and security and supports all UN Security Council initiatives and in so doing, our continuous provision of the bulk of the Peacekeeping forces to the Somali UN Mandated missions since 2007 is therefore a clear testimony to our commitment to make this world a safer place.

We have also continued to provide forces in support of peace efforts in Eastern DRC through regional and bilateral arrangements.

### **Mr Chairman**

In line with the expected outcome of this ministerial with particular emphasis on protection of civilians together and safety and security of peacekeepers, Uganda is pleased to pledge the following capabilities to the UN PCRS:

- Two Generic Light Infantry Battalions

- One Formed Police Unit with a Special Weapons And Tactics configuration.

These are Units that are well prepared and equipped according to the four areas of focus of this conference and without any operational Caveats.

### **Mr Chairman**

The Republic of Uganda also pledges to continue hosting the UN Regional Service Centre Entebbe (RSCE) that is home to various entities which include the following:

- MONUSCO
- UNISFA
- UNMISS
- ATMIS and
- ATMIS Support Bases
- Global Procurement Support Center
- CISR, including Training on the use of drones.
- UN Civilian Pre-deployment training
- Forward support deployment hub
- Office of Internal oversights

## **Mr Chairman**

I want to conclude by paying tribute to all those that lost their lives in the course of their peacekeeping duties and thereby paying the ultimate price for global peace.

I thank you all for your kind attention.