

## **Denmark – national statement**

Excellencies, chair,

We gather here in Berlin and mark 10 years since the Leaders' Summit on Peacekeeping—and ahead of the UN's 80th anniversary—Denmark reaffirms its unwavering commitment to UN peacekeeping as an indispensable tool for maintaining peace and security.

UN peacekeepers serve on the frontlines of some of the world's most complex crises. They protect civilians, support political solutions, and uphold fragile ceasefires — often under increasingly dangerous conditions. We owe them not only our deepest gratitude, but also concrete support.

As a new initiative, Denmark will help to close persistent gaps in strategic lift capacity by funding access to commercial transport services—by land, air, and sea. We intend to allocate 4.5 million USD annually for the period 2025 to 2027 in order to strengthen the UN's ability to deploy swiftly and effectively, particularly to hard-to-reach mission areas.

Additionally, for the period 2025 to 2027 Denmark will contribute with approximately 13.7 million USD in extra-budgetary funding in support of UN peacekeeping efforts.

Denmark's contributions are guided by five priorities in line with the Action for Peacekeeping agenda:

First, **safety and security of peacekeepers** must remain paramount. This includes not only protection against physical threats like attacks and IEDs, but also psychological safety through robust mental health frameworks.

Second, **performance and accountability** must be strengthened. UN peacekeeping missions must be fit for purpose, guided by political strategies, with clear mandates, transparent benchmarks, and trained personnel. Pre-deployment training, operational doctrine, planning tools, and independent evaluations are essential tools in this regard.

Third, **the full implementation of the WPS agenda** must be accelerated. Full, equal, safe and meaningful participation of women across all levels of peace operations is not only a moral imperative—it is a prerequisite for sustainable peace.

Fourth, **climate-resilient and sustainable operations** should become the new norm. Green energy solutions, like our renewable project with Ghana in South Sudan, are more than climate initiatives—they are force protection and mission enablers.

And fifth, time-sensitive **decision-making** is vital. Investments in platforms like Unite Aware and in C4ISR capabilities are critical for early warning and civilian protection.

Let me conclude by reaffirming Denmark's long-standing support and commitment for UN peacekeeping. Since the

founders of the UN, Danish personnel—military, police and civilian—have proudly served in numerous missions. Our contributions, whether in the field or through financial and logistical support, reflect our deep belief in the value of multilateral action and in the UN's role in securing peace.

As an elected member of the Security Council for 2025–2026, Denmark will remain a reliable partner, committed to ensuring that UN peace operations stay agile, accountable, and fit for the future.

Thank you