

STATEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
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Madame Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, on behalf of the Government of the Philippines and the members of my delegation, I would like to thank the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for hosting this momentous conference, and for the excellent arrangements and hospitality.

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, peacekeeping is one of the clearest symbols of the United Nations' promise to protect people and preserve peace. We honor the more than 70,000 UN peacekeepers – women and me – who serve under challenging conditions worldwide.

UN peacekeeping, however, is at a critical juncture. The challenges facing UN peacekeeping today demand that we come together collectively to respond to the present challenges of peacekeeping operations, meet head-on to advance innovative and responsive solutions, and answer the call for investing in and sustaining peace. On new peacekeeping models, there must be a clear outcome when we engage in a peacekeeping mission, and that political outcome must be based on and in line with the United Nations Charter.

To preserve its relevance and effectiveness, we must ensure robust political support and equip our missions to adapt and respond to complex and evolving threats.

As a trusted partner, innovative pathfinder, and committed peacemaker, the Philippines supports all efforts to revitalize and further strengthen peacekeeping missions. We are prepared to expand our participation and help shape the future of peacekeeping.

As a concrete expression of this commitment, we pledge to increase the number of Filipino peacekeepers deployed globally in the years to come. In this regard, we are honored to announce our new pledges: the deployment of one (1) Light Infantry Battalion and one (1) Formed Police Unit under the UN Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System. The Philippines will also continue to deploy Military Observers and Individual Police Officers, [and] to support Staff Offices of UN missions worldwide. These contributions build upon our existing pledges, which include a Quick Reaction Force Company and a Military Construction Engineering Company.

Furthermore, the Philippines reaffirms its commitment to support the United Nations' capacity-building initiatives. To this end, we pledge to host the United Nations Triangular Partnership Programme (TPP) Training Courses in the ASEAN region in the Calendar Year 2029 to 2030. We also pledge to provide certified Military Mobile Training Teams to enhance peacekeeper preparedness in addressing both emerging and persistent challenges.

The Philippines strongly supports the full, equal, and meaningful participation of women in peacekeeping. We are proud to meet the Secretary-General's 2025 targets under the Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy, and as part of our continued commitment, we pledge to increase the deployment of women peacekeepers across all roles. We believe their inclusion in all roles and positions is essential to peace operations' effectiveness, credibility, and long-term success. As a testament to this resolve, the Formed Police Unit we will pledge will be commanded by a female officer and will have three (3) platoons that are all women – composed of women.

The Philippines will continue to deploy military and police personnel in any area while taking into consideration their effectiveness in fulfilling the mandate of their deployment. All our personnel will continue to uphold the highest standards of conduct and professionalism in fulfilling their mandates.

Finally, we are honored to announce that the Philippines will host the 2025 ASEAN Peacekeeping Staff Exercise this September, underscoring our dedication to fostering regional cooperation and strengthening partnerships between the United Nations and regional and sub-regional organizations.

The Philippines stands ready to contribute to a safer and more secure world as a trusted partner, pathfinder, and peacemaker in the pursuit of lasting and sustainable peace.

Thank you.