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contribution of United Nations Police to Action for Peacekeeping Plus (A4P+)
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Thank you Mr. President,

I thank Under-Secretary-General Mr. Lacroix, UN Police Adviser Mr. Shahkar and the Police Commissioners of UNMISS, Mr. Schlotmann, and of MONUSCO, Ms. Ouedraogo.

At the outset, let me reiterate that Greece considers the United Nations police (UNPOL) an indispensable component of UN peacekeeping, contributing to the maintenance and enhancement of international peace and security, through inter alia the support to host-States' police capacities.

Greece reiterates its gratitude to the men and women police officers who are committed to serving under the most challenging circumstances, while protecting civilians and maintaining law and order. We honour the memory of all those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Mr. President,

In today's rapidly evolving operational environments, and amidst a severe liquidity crisis which affects all UN peace operations' means and capabilities, the need to adapt UN police to present circumstances is more urgent than ever.

We recognize the hard measures adopted by MONUSCO and UNMISS and we congratulate both missions for their efforts. On MONUSCO, the drastic reduction of personnel of the Police component resulted in curtailing core functions, including patrols, mentoring, advising and joint operations. On UNMISS, reduction measures have already resulted in significant operational constraints, limiting the mission's capability to deliver fully on core protection, political, human rights, stabilization, and electoral support functions.

Allow me to highlight 5 points.

Firstly, the adaptation of UN police should build upon the actions contained in fundamental texts, such the Pact of the Future and Action for Peacekeeping Plus (A4P+). In Action 21 of the Pact, we committed to “adapt peace operations to better respond to existing challenges and new realities”. The adaptation of UN police should consider the needs of all Member States and police-contributing countries, and the priorities and responsibilities of host countries, without compromising the core functions of the missions. We also support efforts to implement the priorities outlined in the Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) initiative, as well as the Action for Peace Plus (A4P+).

Secondly, we fully agree with the idea that UN Police can contribute significantly to supporting political settlements and post-conflict transitions. Primacy of politics should be a core element of all missions’ mandates, translated into strengthening the use of political strategies and expanding local peace dialogue efforts. As USG Lacroix has recently proposed, these efforts should draw on an integrated effort, whereby military and police officers are equally engaged in working with their civilian counterparts towards a political goal.

Thirdly, Greece supports the integration of new technologies, including Artificial Intelligence capabilities, in the training and capacity-building of UN Police, for the enhancement of operational efficiency and the reduction of risks to personnel. Last year’s Security Council Arria Meeting on “Harnessing safe, inclusive, trustworthy AI for the maintenance of international peace and security” convened by Greece, we attested a broad support to the idea that AI-related technologies could be harnessed for peacekeepers’ training, logistic support, landmines detection, surveillance or monitoring tasks.

Fourthly, we believe that UN80 offers a unique opportunity to review Peace Operations’ mandates with the final aim of making them more operational, result-oriented and efficient. The pursuit for efficiency should be multi-level, starting from a better coordination between the Secretariat components, between the Headquarters and the missions, and between the UN system and the Member States, especially the troop- and police-contributing countries.

Lastly, UN policing should more effectively integrate Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda into its work. We encourage the Secretariat to continue its efforts to strengthen women’s access to all roles, including by developing a database of potential women police leaders to enhance the women police leadership pipeline. Also, by ensuring women’s safe participation and broader gender responsiveness in peace processes and peace agreements.

In concluding, Mr. President, Greece stands ready to continue supporting UN Police in its important work.

I thank you