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Excellencies

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Ladies and Gentlemen

Good afternoon

I thank the United Nations Police (UNPOL) for organizing this timely and important session on the role of UN Police in fostering sustainable peace and development. Since security and development are interdependent and mutually reinforcing, UN peace operations should strive for a balanced and coherent approach for maintaining peace and security in order to facilitate development activities.

I would like to highlight few points in this regard,

First, it is critical to address the root causes and drivers of fragility in the conflict affected countries, and extending support to the national actors in developing their capacities to deliver basic services, create economic opportunities and implement necessary governance reforms. A coherent and coordinated approach is needed between all actors including UN Police, UN Country team and agencies and relevant national authorities.

Second, we emphasize on the role of UN Policing in the Security Sector Reform and strengthening rule of law as per mandate. In this regard, we underscore the importance of Specialized Police Teams (SPTs).

Third, we welcome the efforts to increase the number of women in police deployments and senior positions in UN peacekeeping. We express our readiness to contribute competent female police officers and well-equipped police units for furthering this goal.

Fourth, Bangladesh has been advocating for reducing environmental foot print of the UN Peace operations. In this regard, we further emphasize on transitioning to renewables and natural fiber-based product which would not only reduce the environmental hazard but also leave a positive legacy for sustainable development.

Fifth, we welcome the development of the United Nations community engagement guidelines on peacebuilding and sustaining peace and put emphasis on the capacity building of the UN police to effectively implement the guidelines.

Finally, as a proud member of the UN Police since 1989, we reiterate our commitment and pledges for continuous readiness to contribute to any UNPOL initiative for the promotion of sustainable peace and development.

Thank you very much.
