



## **Third United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit (UNCOPS)**

Session 3: Bridging the gap on performance

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**Statement by Belgium**

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The Belgian delegation is very pleased to take part in this third United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit. The delegation would first like to apologise for the absence of the Belgian Minister of the Interior, who is unable to attend due to other commitments.

Therefore, the Minister has asked us to pass on the following message:

We have pleasure in informing you that, in her Policy Statement as head of the Belgian police and more specifically in the context of the efforts pertaining to peacekeeping and peacebuilding contributions, the Minister has explicitly pleaded for the continued deployment of high-quality expertise in the various UN, EU and OSCE missions and has asked the Belgian police services to develop innovative strategies in order to significantly increase Belgium's contribution to the UN, EU and OSCE missions, as well as to honour past commitments.

Hence, the Minister is looking forward to the further concretisation of existing as well as new projects within the United Nations framework that can contribute to this objective, in particular the projects or initiatives where national expertise can be made available to the United Nations for a relatively short period of time. Indeed, short-term assignments make it easier to free up experts for international assignments and have generally a high added value.

We thank you.