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Statement by Canada

Your excellencies, and distinguished representatives, good morning, afternoon or evening to each of you.

Merci à la Mission permanente de la Chine d'avoir parrainé cet événement. Je voudrais également adresser mes compliments et mes sincères remerciements à la Division de la police et à son équipe pour leurs efforts, leur passion et leur coordination en tant qu'organisateur principal de ce Sommet des chefs de la police des Nations Unies. Le premier depuis 2018.

We understand the inherent challenges and dangers of policing in national, international and United Nations settings. I would like to recognize the service of all deployed personnel, police, military, corrections and civilian. And to especially acknowledge the lives lost and the families who have lost a loved one in the service of peace. Loss and injury unfortunately continually remind us of the necessity of working together to implement changes required to ensure the success of peacekeeping, the safety and security of our peacekeepers, and, most importantly, the protection of civilians affected by conflict and violence. It is from these perspectives that I will focus my three points.

Canada strongly supports A4P and the A4P+ priorities and implementation plan. We welcome the emphasis on accelerating progress behind this important reform initiative, and we are pleased to participate in these discussions.

Firstly, we know that what gets done are those things that get measured. To that end, we welcome the roll out in all missions of the implementation of the Comprehensive Planning and Performance Assessment System (CPAS), and its piloted use for specific mandated objectives. We hope that this tool, plus efforts to implement the Integrated Peacekeeping Performance Accountability Framework will give us a better picture on how to continually improve peacekeeping performance, especially for the police component.

Secondly, the impact of the work of peacekeepers on local populations, and their contribution to the achievement of mission objectives, remain challenging to capture. Collaboration towards achieving success in this performance measurement is imperative.

In order to evaluate these benefits, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is developing tools to measure the domestic advantages of serving abroad, on both the professional and personal levels. We would welcome the sharing of such initiatives and results among Member States and law enforcement agencies in the future.

Lastly, the Department of Peace Operations Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy aims to increase the number, as well as the full, equal, and meaningful participation of women in peacekeeping in all positions, and at all levels. Through the Elsie Initiative for Women in Peace Operations, Canada is working with the UN and Member States to increase the meaningful participation of women in UN peace operations. One way we are doing this is through our partnership with the Zambia Police Service. A second way we are doing this is through a partnership with Police Division and Norway, and other Member States, to increase the number of women police officers deployed, by delivering Pre-Selection Assistance and Assessment Team training in French. We look forward to this collaborative approach and working with other Member States on this project. As you will agree, the percentage of women police officers in UN missions has surpassed that of women in the military component, however much work remains to be done by us to meet equality and parity.

Le Canada a travaillé avec bon nombre d'entre vous dans cette salle sur notre engagement commun à veiller à ce que les initiatives et les bonnes pratiques soient partagées, et nous continuerons de le faire. Beaucoup de travail reste à faire.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate today and to continue working together