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*Session 1: Addressing key challenges facing United Nations peacekeeping through Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) and A4P+.*

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**Statement by Estonia**

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Secretary-General, Under-Secretary-General, honorable ministers, heads of police and gendarmerie, good colleagues.

On behalf of the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board, I would first like to express my respect and appreciation for organizing such a necessary and well-organized high-level meeting.

Today's rapidly changing global security environment has presented us with a great challenge and the need to keep up with the changes has become more time-critical as ever before.

The rapid technological development of the digital age is a challenge we face globally. It is important to review and, if necessary, update existing or identify potential new critical needs. By focusing on these, we support the achievement of Action for Peacekeeping's objectives.

Dear colleagues,

Mutually agreed 45 commitments in 8 agreed areas of Action for Peacekeeping are directly linked to and often driven by the use of digital solutions which are facing challenges of hybrid nature and resilient to cyber threats. Be it the modernization of the profiles required for peacekeeping missions with the participation of UNPOL, the use of technological solutions in raising situational awareness, better equipped and trained forces including more women police officers, or information exchange between UNPOL, Member States and host countries.

When developing and implementing new opportunities and solutions, the context, environment, technical capacity of the infrastructure, etc must be taken into account. Let us use more of the existing wisdom for this, let us cooperate more.

Dear colleagues,

Please allow me to emphasize Estonia's solidarity and continued support to UN-led global activities to ensure peace and resolve conflicts. I am convinced that our future is more safe and secure by acting in a coordinated manner and by enabling innovative digital and technical solutions where possible.

Thank you.