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Statement by Italy

Dear Excellences, distinguished colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Carabinieri Commanding General, Lt. Gen. Teo Luzi, I would like to thank you for inviting the Italian Carabinieri to attend such a meaningful event that brings together police representatives, experts and leaders from over 190 Member States, all mutually engaged to providing security to our communities in a post-covid world heavily affected by geopolitical tensions, climate crisis and more broadly new security challenges.

The Carabinieri Corps is the Italian Police Force with military status, a qualified Law Enforcement Agency and at the same time a flexible Armed Force, permanently enforcing public security. The Carabinieri have accompanied the history of Italy since 1814, fully inspired by its territorial vocation and proximity, 2 driving forces that represent a recipe for success, a distinctive trait that has long gone beyond the borders of Italy, in areas where the Carabinieri are internationally engaged both in peacekeeping missions and in bilateral/multilateral cooperation.

Among the many challenges we need to address, I would like to mention the one, which I believe, represents by far a priority for the International agenda: climate change. It is a crossborder issue and a trans-national threat that needs a cohesive approach and a coordinated answer. To this end, we are available to share the expertise of the Carabinieri Environmental and Agricultural Command, a highly qualified Unit specifically dedicated to the protection of the Environment and the taking care of the territory. The growing importance of the topic has been fully acknowledged by the Carabinieri and has led us to take on a fervent networking

effort, together with partner Institutions and International Organizations, for the delivering of capacity building training and strategic advising. In this framework, I would like to mention the cooperation launched since 2017 with the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations and the establishment, in 2021, of the International Center of Excellence for the Protection of the Environment and the Care of Territory. The CoE located in Sabaudia, in the Circeo Park area, has the ambition to represent, like the CoESPU in Vicenza, a doctrinal and training hub, a high Institute that carries out operational training programs in support of developing countries, with a specific focus on Africa, that operates in partnership with the relevant UN agencies (UN Environment Program-U NEP, UN Development Program-U NDP, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction- UNDRR, Department of Operational Support- DOS).

Allow me to conclude my brief intervention by quoting our Secretary General Antonio Guterres: “Our world faces many grave challenges: We have the tools and wealth to overcome these challenges. All we need is the will”.

Providing security and prosperity to our communities is the core mission of our Institutions, an effort and a commitment we owe to our next generations.

Thank you very much for your attention.