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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 Lithuania**

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Distinguished delegates, dear colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honour to participate here today and to address you on behalf of the Republic Lithuania.

As a committed member of the international community, Lithuania is ready to play its active part in collective commitment to address the challenges faced by UN peacekeeping.

For more than 6 months, the entire international community witnesses the unprecedented aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine. Lithuania would like to use this opportunity to extend the words of support, respect and admiration to the Ukrainian Police. To each officer, who currently performs duties under significant threat and danger. In the state of war, law enforcement bodies play an indispensable role in keeping order and preventing chaos in the country, and to a certain extent – even beyond its borders.

For some countries, the war in Ukraine may seem to be distant. However, it has to be taken into account that there are four nuclear plants on the territory of Ukraine, one of which is under the control of the Russian troops. Currently, we witness these objects being used for military purposes – as a shield for the troops, or for the storage of ammunition. It is critically important to bear in mind that incidents at

any of these nuclear plants may have consequences even worse than explosion of a nuclear bomb.

We all must be perfectly aware of the borderless nature of nuclear incidents, when nuclear pollution may reach even the most distant countries of the world. Lithuania strongly believes that the entire international community has to stand unanimous in pursuit to ensure the safety

of nuclear objects. In this regard, Lithuania advocates for establishing a long-term International Atomic Energy Agency mission at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant. In the context of such a mission, the UN Police might offer an international civil police component aiming to ensure its physical security. Lithuania would be prepared to play an active part and deploy law enforcement officers to such a mission.

I thank you for your attention.