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Statement by Montenegro

Distinguished Mr Chariman,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honor to address you today and to accentuate Montenegro's continuous commitment to promoting the values of multilateralism, as well as strengthening our cooperation with the United Nations, with the aim to contribute in preserving and further building of international peace and security.

In that sense, I would like to emphasize an active and constructive contribution of Montenegro in implementing international commitments regarding the promotion and protection of human rights, and implementation of standards, which is additionally demonstrated through participation of Montenegrin police officers in United Nations peacekeeping missions.

Upon regaining its independence in 2006, Montenegro has deployed the first representative of the Ministry of the Interior to the Peacekeeping Mission in Cyprus on August 14, 2009. To this day, 26 police officers have participated in peacekeeping operations in Cyprus and Afghanistan, and currently we have 5 police officers deployed in Cyprus.

We are proud to say that during their missions our police officers are demonstrating high professional qualities and ethical standards, and applying their own experiences and practices, especially in the field of community-oriented policing.

Therefore, the Ministry of the Interior, in accordance with its capacities, remains highly committed to contributing the preservation and improvement of international peace and security, and expanding its engagement in humanitarian and peacekeeping operations.

Having in mind a significant impact of the UNPOL activities in establishing lasting peace and stability, I use this opportunity to highlight the support that Montenegro gives to Secretary-General's Initiative on Action for Peacekeeping, and Declaration of Shared Commitments on UN Peacekeeping Operations, as well as to the implementation of the Women Peace and Security Agenda.

Additionally, Montenegrin Ministry of Interior actively enforces the policies of gender equality through the implementation of measures and activities integrated in the national legal and strategic documents, harmonized with the Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) initiative and the A4P+, that reinforce the political commitment in advancing the Women, Peace and Security agenda, and reaffirms women's full, equal and meaningful participation in peacekeeping operations.

Dear colleagues,

We shall continue to promote and provide support for political, and therefore peaceful resolution of conflicts, in the manner we have done so far. We will also continue strengthening the role of peacekeeping operations in terms of protecting civilians, improving security, and enhancing partnership among countries.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate the readiness and openness of Montenegro, as one of the youngest member states, to provide its full contribution to the promotion of the values of the United Nations.

Thank you.