

Third United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit (UNCOPS) Session 1: Addressing key challenges facing United Nations peacekeeping through Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) and A4P+. 1 September, New York, GA Hall Statement by Philippines

## Mr. Secretary-General, Mr. Chairman,

It is a great privilege for the Philippine National Police to join all Law Enforcement counterparts and the intelligence community in this year's **Third United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit** under the theme, *"Your partner in global peace, security, and development for all."* 

Today, I stand before you, on behalf of the more than 226,000 gallant men and women of the **Philippine National Police**, with honor and pride, to demonstrate our solidarity with the international community as advocates for peace, security, the rule of law, and human rights.

We take this opportunity to take stock of what we have accomplished, as well as to reaffirm our commitment to addressing global security threats and challenges.

On **Safety and Security**, the Philippines put a high priority on ensuring the safety of peacekeepers by way of strengthening information-sharing, policy coordination, and capacity building.

On **Protection**, we provide up-to-date pre-deployment courses for our personnel deployed in conflict-stricken areas while ensuring the safety and protection of all civilians under imminent threat of danger, consistent with mission mandates and guided by the UN Charter and applicable international law.

On **Partnership**, we continuously support intergovernmental platforms that enable peer learning among member states on how to build resilience in peacekeeping, encourage constructive dialogues on the challenges in sustaining peace, and pursue strategic partnerships.

We have actively collaborated with other ASEAN and UN member states in peacekeeping operations through the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between ASEAN and the United Nations.

Finally, on **Women, Peace, and Security**, we continue to strengthen our police agency with more vigor in the pursuit of women empowerment and in defending women's human rights from all forms of abuse and discrimination.

We are also committed to increasing the deployment of women peacekeepers at all levels and in leadership positions. Around 40% of our women peacekeepers are on standby, ready for deployment.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Philippines reaffirms its steadfast commitment to the Secretary-General's Action for Peacekeeping initiative and the A4P+.

We also support the call for "A New Agenda for Peace" under *Our Common Agenda*, the United Nations' road map for a more inclusive and sustainable future.

And as nations united, we have demonstrated that we are one as champions of global peace and security.

Let us continue to stand in solidarity as we tirelessly build a more stable and peaceful future where there is safety, security, and prosperity for all.

I wish everyone a successful Summit.

And as we say it in the Philippines, "Mabuhay!"

May God bless us all.

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