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**Statement by Romania**

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It is an honor to participate in the third United Nations Chief of Police summit consisting of a valuable platform for sharing our views that contributes to elaborating a strategic vision for the future of the United Nations Police.

We believe in the role of the UN Police within peacekeeping missions for conflict prevention, capacity building and sustaining peace. This objective cannot be archived without ensuring the effective performance of our officers in the field.

Helping countries to emerge from conflicts by upholding law and public order is in our mindset. Traditionally, Romania's participation within police components of UN peacekeepers operations dates back to 1998 and since then we have actively responded by deploying in mission Individual Police Officers and, starting with 2001, Former Police Units. I am privileged to mention that currently, Romania ranks first among EU member states participants with individual police officers in PK operations.

When law and order breakdown and conflict erupt in a community, it is time to act- and not in a generalist manner, but in a specialized one. For filling the current gaps, we must remain steadfast to enhance the performance of UN Peacekeeping operations and explore all the options that the UN Police offers in terms of specialized teams, which represent another form of police forces deployed in the field.

Romania is aware of Police Division's determination for increasing the role of specialized teams and we believe it is important to be part of this effort as a means to improve the performance of the UN police.

From Romanian Gendarmerie's perspective, we believe that gendarmerie-type forces are an excellent tool for the UN to tackle the complex challenges identified in the field missions.

Therefore, we encourage the UN Police to benefit from and explore the partnership between the UN and European Gendarmerie Force through the Framework Paper for EGF Cooperation with the United Nations which was launched in 2015 by the Romanian presidency of EGF's High-level Interdepartmental Committee

Thank you very much for your attention!