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in the current international circumstances, and the backdrop of unprecedented increase of conflicts, and threats to peace and security, united nations peacekeeping is never more relevant in preventing and reducing violence, containing the spread of civil wars, protecting civilians, and increasing the success of negotiated settlements and the duration of peace, which are prerequisite to achieving objectives of sustainable development SDGs.

the effect peacekeepers, including UNPOL, have in the settings and communities they serve cannot be maximized, and their performance, conduct and discipline cannot be enhanced, cannot be reached, unless the gaps on performance are continuously bridged and the parameters of good and efficient training, accountability, readiness, strengthened leadership and mindsets, and effective participation of women police officers, are fully, and consistently updated and implemented.

The role of member states is crucial in bridging the gaps and strengthening peacekeeping performance and accountability. In this regard, cooperation, coordination, and information sharing with the UNPOL, and their engagement in implementing the programmes and plans elaborated by the UNPOL and the secretariat are crucial. This includes especially the “Integrated Peacekeeping Performance and Accountability Framework (IPPAF)”, “the Secretary-General’s Data Strategy”, “the digital transformation of United Nations peacekeeping”, and “the United Nations Police Training Architecture Programme”.

All stages of the deployment of the police troops should be coordinated with UNPOL. In this connection, pre-deployment operational readiness assessments, in-mission inspections, peacekeepers' safety and security, and engagement and coordination with the Police Division remain essential.

This effort should be based on an in-depth assessment and a process of constant evaluation of various aspects of peacekeeping operations for which a real partnership and coordinated action between the UNPOL, the police troop contributing countries, the secretariat and all other stakeholders is essential. It aims at evaluating the appropriateness of the programmes and plans in dealing with the emerging challenges and complex situations in which peacekeeping operations are deployed, and in determining the needs and the dimension of adaptation.

As a troop police contributing country, Tunisia is keen to monitor the performance gaps, and is fully engaged in contributing to bridging them, and in implementing the recommendations, and priorities, of A4P and A4P+.

In this regard, Tunisia is engaged in enhancing training capabilities, linguistic skills, specialized skillsets, such as expertise in forensics, gender, environment and new technologies, as well as in prioritizing the role and participation of women police officers at all levels.