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Esteemed Ministers, Distinguished Officials of the United Nations, Honorable Colleagues and Distinguished Participants;

I have great pleasure to be with you on the occasion of the United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit (UNCOPS), representing the Turkish National Police (TNP).

We are aware of the necessity of international cooperation in the fight against crime in the 21st century, where crime is globalized and without boundaries. This summit is a concrete manifestation of the international cooperation established between the states and institutions that we each represent respectively. The institutional and organized structure of the United Nations gives strength to the whole world in the fight against transnational crimes, in increasing the capacities of host countries and in ensuring stability.

As the Turkish National Police, we have actively contributed to these efforts with more than 2000 personnel in more than 20 Peacekeeping Operations since 1996.

Currently, 52 of our personnel are deployed to the UN Peacekeeping Operations and UN professional positions. In these assignments, within the scope of the UN's gender parity policy; 38% of the personnel currently serving are female police officers. In the upcoming period, we aim to increase both the number of personnel and the ratio of female personnel.

Having said that, with a view to sharing the knowledge and experience we have within the scope of training cooperation activities with the UN, in 2021, 34 foreign trainees received "Training of Trainers - Intervention to Social Events" with the support of 20 Turkish trainers;

and in 2022 “Pre-Deployment Training” was held in our country for 35 foreign trainees from 6 emerging countries who would be assigned to the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations for the first time.

In addition to our support to the Peacekeeping Operations, I would like to state that we are ready to provide support to the UN Special Investigation Units with our staff, who have extensive experience in investigations.

Turkish National Police has provided training for more than 43 thousand foreign trainees from 85 different countries and 7 international organizations in more than 2,700 training courses within the scope of international police cooperation. I would like you to know that we are ready to provide training in every field, upon your request, with our 40 training centers with a training capacity of approximately 25,000 trainees per year.

I believe that TNP's vast training and operational experience in the fight against Cybercrimes, Narcotic Crimes, Smuggling and Organized Crimes, Terrorism and Financing of Terrorism, and Crime Scene Investigation offers an extremely effective partnership opportunity for attaining United Nations' goals.

While concluding my speech, I would like to express once again that we, as the Turkish National Police, want to increase our contributions to the United Nations peacekeeping operations and to establish new areas of cooperation, and I wish success to you all.