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Statement by Zimbabwe

Mr. President,

Thank you for convening this important meeting to discuss key challenges facing United Nations peacekeeping. The meeting will enable us to strengthen international peace and security by interrogating how to address current and emerging global security challenges, some of which transcend national boundaries. This can be done through advancing the performance and impact of peacekeeping operations, thereby contributing to the achievement of Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) and A4P+ priorities.

The world is currently grappling with increasing terrorism, organized crime, cyber-crime, money laundering and human and drug trafficking. To that end, the importance of strengthening international collaboration and building trust and sharing information between Member States, the UN system and key stakeholders in addressing modern-day challenges to UN peacekeeping cannot be overemphasized.

Zimbabwe appreciates the work of the United Nations in enhancing international peace and security by supporting Member States in conflict, post-conflict and other crisis situations, within the framework of the A4P and A4P+. We urge the United Nations to always consult the concerned Member States when carrying out its peacekeeping mandate as well as help strengthen

the institutional capacity of host countries in terms of policing. As members of the United Nations, we should ensure that adequate financial and human resources are provided for the effective implementation of the world body's peacekeeping mandates. Considering that peacekeepers operate within civilian populations, it is important to enhance accountability of their conduct, enforce remedial action and strengthen support to victims of any sexual exploitation and abuse.

Mr. President,

Zimbabwe is committed to participate in United Nations International Peacekeeping missions to fortify regional and global peace and security and pledges to continue supporting the United Nations Peace Operations by deploying Individual Police Officers (IPOs). To date, Zimbabwe has deployed a total of 1 400 police officers to United Nations Peacekeeping Operations. Some Zimbabwean Police Officers have occupied professional positions in various UN missions and at the UN Headquarters in New York. The country's deployment of Formed Police Units is hampered by Unilateral Coercive Measures imposed by some Western countries after it embarked on its Land Reform Programme.

The participation of women in UN peacekeeping efforts is critical given the operational advantages of having women in peace and security. Zimbabwe has set itself a 25% quota for women, both in recruitment and in the deployment of Officers on Peacekeeping Missions. This complements Security Council Resolution 1325 (2020) and subsequent resolutions on women, peace and security. It, equally, complements, the A4P+ and Our Common Agenda by the Secretary General, which advocate for full, equal and meaningful participation of women in peace operations.

In conclusion, Zimbabwe is committed to continue contributing towards addressing current and emerging global security challenges by deploying highly competent officers including women, to work effectively with communities in the maintenance of peace and security. We continue to

reiterate His Excellency, President ED Mnangagwa's statement that, "Zimbabwe is a friend to all and an enemy to none."

Thank you for your attention.