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CHAIR'S NOTE

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1. Attending the Second United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit (UNCOPS) at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, Ministers, Chiefs of Police and high-level officials from 123 Member States unanimously recognized the fundamental contribution of policing to preventing conflicts and sustaining peace. In the spirit of the Secretary-General's Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) initiative, they also welcomed an increased role for United Nations Police in these areas and across the full peace continuum. Building on the action plan of the report on "Improving Security of United Nations Peacekeepers" (Santos Cruz Report), participants discussed ways in which Member States can support United Nations Police in realizing its potential, responding to evolving challenges and threats and further improving its performance and accountability, with the resources required.
2. More specifically, high-level government officials, police executives and other participants:
 - Acknowledged that police services around the world that are representative of the communities they serve are an indispensable prerequisite for the rule of law, peace and development;
 - Pledged to contribute to sustaining peace by strengthening their respective police and other law enforcement agencies with a view to enhancing their representativeness, responsiveness and accountability;
 - Recognized the role of United Nations Police in conflict prevention and called on the United Nations to make policing a standing item to be considered in conflict analysis and prevention response;
 - Commended the Secretary-General's gender parity goal, with many delegates agreeing to work towards gender parity, at all levels, in their own police and other law enforcement services – as well as in United Nations peacekeeping operations and special political missions;
 - Reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring that their contingents meet the proper standards, including capacity, capability and mindset, and to holding their personnel accountable for any form of misconduct, including sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

PEACEKEEPING CHALLENGES AND THE ROLE OF UNITED NATIONS POLICE

3. As highlighted in the Santos Cruz Report, participants recognized that today's police peacekeepers are operating in some of the most challenging environments. They are sometimes deployed in

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situations with active conflict and weak or no political processes. They are also facing *increased levels of asymmetric threats*.

4. Participants therefore expressed their strong conviction that a renewed focus on searching for political solutions, doctrine development and implementation, situational awareness, community outreach, use of modern technology and deployment modalities is required from all Member States and the United Nations Secretariat.

UNITED NATIONS POLICE ROLE IN CONFLICT PREVENTION AND SUSTAINING PEACE

5. Participants stressed that the *prevention and sustaining peace agenda* applies to all Member States, even countries at peace. All Member States should aim to build inclusive societies and effective and accountable institutions, including police and other law enforcement agencies, to prevent conflicts from emerging and evolving.
6. Participants recognized the United Nations' pivotal role in *building and sustaining peace by supporting host-State police authorities* and other law enforcement services, including in the area of countering transnational organized crime
7. Participants also agreed that United Nations Police, including through its Standing Police Capacity, can continue to play an active role in realizing the Secretary-General's 'sustaining peace' vision in *non-mission settings*, working through interagency arrangements such as the *Global Focal Point for Police, Justice and Corrections*.

UNITED NATIONS POLICING: PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

8. In line with the A4P initiative, participants unequivocally underscored that improving both the performance and accountability of United Nations policing is a *shared goal and responsibility* of the Secretariat, Member States and the individuals who serve as United Nations Police.
9. Participants stressed that *mandates* had to be carefully crafted, take into account the context in the country and *properly resourced*. They further underscored the critical need for *qualified female officers*, particularly to assume leadership positions, and the need to second more United Nations Police officers who *speak French*.
10. Participants agreed that United Nations Police officers must perform their duties in line with their mandate and, in accordance with peacekeeping principles, to be prepared to implement each mandate proactively and robustly, particularly *to protect civilians* from threats of physical violence. United Nations Police officers also require adequate equipment and training to make sure that peacekeepers can carry out their tasks without taking an undue level of risk.

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11. Participants reiterated that police-contributing countries must assume full responsibility for *holding their personnel accountable* for any form of misconduct, such as sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, including through prosecution, where appropriate, for conduct amounting to a crime, taking into account due process in full compliance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/71/134, Security Council resolution 2272 (2016), and the Organization's SEA zero-tolerance policy. Participants reconfirmed their commitment to deliver quality pre-deployment training on this subject, to timely prosecute those who violate the rules and to consider signing onto a Voluntary Compact on preventing and addressing sexual exploitation and abuse, if not already done.
12. The participants welcomed the ongoing work of the Police Division to support Departmental efforts to develop – on the basis of the United Nations-wide and DPKO-DFS guidance, including the Strategic Guidance Framework for International Police Peacekeeping (SGF) – an integrated performance policy framework for mandate implementation based on clear standards for all relevant personnel serving in United Nations Police components.

WAY FORWARD

13. Participants unanimously appreciated the value of holding a United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit as a forum to give prominence to international police peacekeeping, find ways how United Nations Police role can be strengthened and exchange views on challenges and good practices in police generation and training. They warmly welcomed the offer of the People's Republic of China to *provide financial and political support for the organization of the third United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit, to be held in two years time* at United Nations Headquarters in New York.