



Intervention of the Dominican Republic – 2025 United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial Conference

- **Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix, Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations**
- **H.E. Annalena Baerbock, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany**
- **Heads of delegations, diplomatic and military officials, government representatives, distinguished guests**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Dominican Republic is honored to participate in this pivotal gathering and extends its sincere gratitude to the Government of Germany for hosting this important conference.

As we approach the 80th anniversary of the United Nations and mark ten years since the Leaders' Summit on Peacekeeping, this meeting reaffirms that multilateralism remains the most effective path to achieving international peace and security.

Peacekeeping operations are indispensable. In a world increasingly affected by multidimensional crises, we must reinforce the mandates of these missions to improve conflict prevention, protect civilian populations, and reduce violence. We can no longer afford to merely react—we must adopt a new paradigm focused on anticipation, prevention, technological innovation, and sustainable investment.

Decisions must prioritize capacity-building to ensure long-term results. We advocate for a renewed vision—one grounded in effectiveness and sustainability.

We also underscore the vital importance of integrating women meaningfully into peace operations, as their participation enhances both the humanity and efficiency of missions. Continuous training and capacity development are critical to mission success.

Furthermore, it is essential that peacekeeping operations—and those supported by the Security Council—be equipped with appropriate mandates and resources in areas such as justice and penitentiary capacity, where applicable. This ensures that national systems receive sufficient support in the detention, investigation, and prosecution of those who threaten peace, security, the integrity of civilian populations, and efforts to address the root causes of conflict.

The Dominican Republic reaffirms its unwavering commitment to peace, human rights, and international humanitarian law. We express our gratitude to all nations that contribute to and sustain peacekeeping missions around the world.

Thank you.