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Distinguished Ministers,

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear Colleagues,

Yesterday's discussions highlighted the need for reforms in peacekeeping to ensure it can successfully respond to the current and emerging challenges. For this to be feasible, and for peacekeeping operations to be truly effective and efficient, we must ensure that missions are equipped with the right capabilities — including the appropriate personnel, tools, training, and operational support.

Slovenia is committed to actively contributing to this effort.

It is therefore a great pleasure for me to announce, on behalf of the Republic of Slovenia, a set of pledges that have, since the last Peacekeeping Ministerial, significantly increased in both quality and quantity—something we are particularly proud of.

First, Slovenia is donating Class I Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), along with related training, valued at 1.5 million EUR, to support peacekeeping missions and enhance the safety and security of both peacekeepers and civilians.

Second, we are allocating an additional 190,000 EUR over 2025 and 2026 for pre-deployment training through the Slovenian Peace Operations Training Centre, ensuring peacekeepers are well-prepared for complex challenges. The Slovenian Peace Operations Training Centre is a long-standing training institution dedicated to preparing peacekeepers for the evolving demands of global peace operations.

Additionally, Slovenia is donating 1,000 Buddy First Aid Kits to help protect the health and well-being of peacekeepers in the field.

Slovenia also reaffirms its commitment to advancing the Women, Peace and Security agenda, with a voluntary contribution of 10,000 EUR to support UN Women's activities. This will help ensure that women's participation and protection are integral to peacekeeping efforts, particularly in conflict and post-conflict settings.

Furthermore, Slovenia will offer expertise in UN Smart Camp technologies and solutions, contributing to more efficient, resilient, and sustainable peacekeeping operations.

Slovenia is also pledging 50,000 EUR in extra-budgetary funding to the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) and the Department of Operational Support (DOS) projects that enhance mission impact.

Finally, we are contributing 15,000 EUR to the UN Team of Experts on the Rule of Law and Sexual Violence in Conflict, supporting their critical work in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to address the pressing issue of sexual violence in conflict.

Together with our ongoing contributions to missions such as UNTSO, UNMIK, and UNFICYP, these pledges reaffirm Slovenia's strong support for UN peacekeeping and our commitment to ensuring that missions are well-equipped, well-prepared, and able to protect those most in need.

Thank you.