

**Statement by Mr. FUJII Hisayuki,
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Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

We are at a critical moment to consider the future of Peacekeeping and how it can adapt to an ever more complex international environment. This Ministerial presents an invaluable opportunity to express our high-level political commitment to peacekeeping, and I would like to thank Germany and the UN Secretariat for organizing this event.

As a Co-Chair of the Peacekeeping Ministerial process, Japan pledges the following steps to enable even more effective PKOs:

First, we will promote training and capacity-building of peacekeepers under the UN Triangular Partnership Programme. The TPP holds a key for the future of peacekeeping. It is the epitome of international partnership. The TPP's flexibility allows it to help peacekeepers adjust to changing requirements and makes PKOs fit for purpose.

While continuing to send Japanese instructors to engineering and medical trainings, Japan will newly send female medical trainers. We will also provide quality capacity-building opportunities in collaboration with supporting countries such as the Republic of Korea and Australia and training host countries such as Cambodia. We will further expand the TPP through the introduction of Explosive Hazard Awareness Training (EHAT) and e-learning for engineering training.

Japan will also support training for AU Peace Support Operations (AUPSO) personnel under the TPP. We will provide capacity-building to African peacekeeping training centers, thereby reinforcing the AU's leadership and ownership in maintaining peace and security in Africa.

Second, we will contribute to the international discussions on how to strengthen PKOs, by sharing Japan's expertise and knowledge.

We will continue to send personnel to the UN Secretariat and UNMISS Headquarters in South Sudan. Recognizing “A4P” and “A4P+” as useful indicators for assessing mission performance, we will provide financial support for the A4P+ monitoring project.

As a Co-Chair of the Peacekeeping Ministerial process and a Vice-Chair of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, Japan will organize symposia and seminars on international peace cooperation to further advance the discussions on the future of peacekeeping.

Third, we will promote a comprehensive approach towards “sustaining peace” including smooth transitions from peacekeeping to peacebuilding. Addressing the root causes of conflict is key to preventing the risk of relapse into conflict and ensuring lasting peace.

As a Vice-Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, Japan will work hard to strengthen the PBC's role and its cooperation with relevant UN agencies and international financial institutions. In addition, Japan will train experts to support transitions and enhance the resilience of local communities to consolidate the foundations for sustainable peace.

Japan is the third largest financial supporter of PKOs. We are honoring our duty regarding the peacekeeping budget by paying in full and swiftly. Japan is also providing voluntary contributions to various projects.

Through these efforts, Japan will strive to make PKOs more efficient and effective.

Thank you for your attention.

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