

**PLEDGE STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY THE MINISTER FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HON. SAMUEL OKUDZETO ABLAKWA**

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Ghana, I reaffirm our unwavering commitment to strengthening United Nations peacekeeping and advancing the shared goal of effective, safer, and sustainable peace operations.

At the 2023 UN Peacekeeping Accra Ministerial Meeting in Accra, Ghana proudly made six strategic pledges under the Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System (PCRS), encompassing the provision of a Force Protection Unit, an Engineer Company, an Infantry Battalion, an Airfield Support Unit, a Demining and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit, and a Level 2 Field Hospital. These contributions, registered at Level 1 in the PCRS, underscore Ghana's intention to scale up our capabilities to meet the United Nations' rigorous readiness and deployment standards.

Building on the above pledges, achievements, Ghana is pleased to announce the following new pledges:

- **Co-hosting the 2025 Challenges Annual Forum** in Accra, together with Sweden, to bring together policymakers, regional organisations, UN officials, and think tanks to deliberate on the future of UN peace operations with a focus on innovation, inclusivity, and accountability;
- **Deployment of uniformed personnel** to key Force Headquarters roles for at least one year, including in areas such as military public information, gender and protection advising, and counter-IED expertise;
- **Through the Ghana Police Service**, we will host two Formed Police Unit Command Staff Courses and a Specialist Training Module, while also offering international Training of Trainers programmes in partnership with other Police Contributing Countries and the Light Coordination Mechanism;
- Ghana Police Service will deploy an additional Formed Police Unit contingent and Individual Police Officers with a deliberate increase in women's participation, and

provide instructional staff to support UNPOL training architecture through mobile training deployments.

These pledges reflect Ghana's principled belief in multilateralism and our determination to ensure that UN peacekeeping remains agile, gender-responsive, and fit to address today's complex security landscape. We stand ready to work in partnership to strengthen mandate delivery, protect civilians, and safeguard the brave men and women who serve under the UN flag.

I thank you.