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## Third United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit (UNCOPS)

*Closing Remarks by Mr. Alexandre Zouev*

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Excellencies,

Chiefs of Police,

Distinguished delegates,

It is my pleasure to be closing this third United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit. I would like to thank all of you for your valuable contributions, which no doubt help advance a common understanding of what the United Nations Police require to achieve their diverse and complex mandated tasks, including by:

- reinforcing and expanding their contributions to the seven priorities of the Action for Peacekeeping Plus and cross-cutting themes of technology and innovation and Women, Peace and Security;
- fostering lasting peace and development, including by advancing the Sustainable Development Goals and the Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda; and
- bridging key gaps in United Nations Police performance against evolving global challenges, so that, as our Secretary-General said, outstanding performance becomes the standard.

Let me briefly recall some of the findings of our discussions. We reaffirmed that United Nations policing is fundamental to peacekeeping, and that police play a key role in restoring security and justice systems and the rule of law, which is critical to the achievement of A4P+ and Agenda 2030.

I commend several of you for pledging to contribute to sustaining peace by strengthening your own police and other law enforcement agencies with a view to enhancing their representativeness, responsiveness and accountability.

Some of you emphasized the increasing need for cooperation in preventing and combatting transnational crimes, including environmental crimes.

Many of you underscored the importance of Specialized Police Teams, while some made solid commitments to developing such teams in specific fields in both English- and French-speaking configurations.

Those of you contributing United Nations Police officers reaffirmed your commitment to enhancing training efforts, to continue increasing the ratio of women deployed even above the set targets, and to ensuring officers are well-equipped.

Let me highlight again areas we believe to be critical. As identified in A4P+, both accountability to peacekeepers and accountability of peacekeepers are essential.

We need your continued engagement both for political solutions and for the enhanced safety and security of United Nations personnel. There continues to be a critical need to ensure that mandates are clear, credible and achievable, articulated around realistic expectations, and adequately resources.

Finally, responsive and accountable policing is essential to Our Common Agenda and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

I wish to thank you once again for your participation and important contributions. Let me once again congratulate the United Nations Woman Police Officer of the Year, Chief Warrant Officer Alizeta Kabore Kinda from our mission in Mali.

My special appreciation goes to the People's Republic of China for making this important gathering possible and to the United Arab Emirates for announcing its intent to support the next United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit. We commend your commitment to United Nations policing and to the broader Organizational objectives of lasting global peace, security and development.

Thank you.