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Statement by Uganda

The Secretary-General

Excellences

Colleagues, Chiefs of Police

Ladies and gentlemen

I salute you and convey warmest greetings from the Inspector General of Police of Uganda, Mr. John Martins Okoth – Ochola; whom I have the honor to represent and deliver his statement as follows;

I take the honor to commend the United Nations Department of Peace Keeping Operations and the Police Division for organizing and convening this summit to deliberate on how to improve world peace and security through United Nations policing.

I salute all peacekeepers for their selfless contribution to world peace and security, who always perform duties in service to humanity at the risk of danger to their lives during occasions of violent conflicts. The police particularly under the United Nations has a very high stake in strengthening international peace, security, and development for all. It is therefore, important to always ensure police involvement throughout the peace processes during the United Nations peace-keeping interventions.

Uganda's historical experience, geopolitical location in the Great Lakes Region; and regional and international peace and security policy inform her commitment as a police-contributing country to

global peace efforts. Since 2002, Uganda has contributed peacekeepers to various UN peace missions including; Liberia, Kosovo, East Timor, Darfur, and Abyei in Sudan, South Sudan, and Somalia in the quest for sustainable regional and international peace fundamental for the realization of development for all.

Uganda will always be ready to provide police peacekeeping capabilities to the United Nations in the legitimate cause for world peace and security whenever necessary and called upon. Uganda is open to partnerships and assistance in further building police capacity towards effective performance and accountability, peace building and sustaining peace, the conduct of peacekeepers, and peacekeeping operations.

Your Excellencies

Uganda acknowledges and supports the United Nations Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) goals and its eight priority areas aimed at improving the United Nations Police performance. Uganda appreciates the benefits accruing from the skills, knowledge, and experience acquired by officers after service with the United Nations Police, which enhance the capacities of policing services at home. The Uganda Police peacekeeping policy streamlines the skills development of police officers as guided under the Police Strategic Guidance Framework, Strategic Force Generation, and Gender parity; and is committed to ensuring adherence to conduct, discipline, and good policing practices.

The real challenge, however, is that the policing ecosystem is ever-changing, therefore creating challenges on every front. There are new crimes, with demographics affecting generational changes, the changing face of communities and their expectations; and new technologies hence stretching the scope of police services beyond traditional law enforcement tasks.

In conclusion, therefore, the Police Contributing Countries, being the catchment areas for the United Nations police capabilities need to focus on emerging national, regional, and international policing challenges. There is need to adapt strategies involving use of technology coupled with the right human skills; innovations tailored to suit challenges, culture change in policing, and social perceptions to match

the policing environment to improve policing in general, which will complement the United Nations policing for international peace and security.

Thank you for your attention.