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*Session 1: Addressing key challenges facing United Nations peacekeeping through Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) and A4P+.*

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**Statement by Netherlands**

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Thank you Under Secretary Lacroix and Police Commissioner Carillho for hosting this event. It is a pleasure to be here and a great opportunity to meet you all in person.

First let me express our gratitude for all peacekeepers who are doing an excellent job in challenging and dangerous conditions, devoting their lives to service and too often paying the ultimate price.

At UNCOPS 2016 and 2018, the Netherlands underlined the importance of intelligence-led policing. Today, we again emphasise the importance of improving situational awareness and the need for threat assessments on the preventive side. Despite the efforts and visible improvements of both the UN and PCCs, the safety and security of peacekeepers is still at stake. We need to improve by overcoming systemic challenges and reducing the gap between New York and the missions. We urge the Police Division to further invest in peacekeeping intelligence, intelligence-led policing and the performance of UNPOL.

The Netherlands also emphasises the importance of Forensic Specialised Police Teams in missions to enhance the forensic capability in combating conflict-related sexual violence. We are also in favour of deploying Forensic SPTs for investigations into serious crimes against peacekeepers, since accountability for attacks on peacekeepers in cooperation with host nations is essential.

Recently, under the auspices of the ICC, a team of investigators of the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee, including additional support and security elements, carried out investigations into possible war crimes in Ukraine. The Netherlands will transform this successful concept, together with ICC and other states, into a long-term program to support joint multidisciplinary forensic teams on a rotational basis. I am convinced that with this concept we can play an important role in

this together in the interest of our common effort towards safety and security and in line with the A4P-agenda and implementation plan. We would be more than happy to share this model and best practices with the UN.

Thank you.