



EU Statement

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Comprehensive review of the whole question of Peacekeeping
Operations in all their aspects**

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Mr Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries the Republic of North Macedonia , Montenegro , Serbia and Albania , the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this statement.

Mr. Chairman,

Though the nature and features of conflict are changing, **UN peacekeeping operations** continue to be a **vital tool in advancing peace and security** in the

allows for an exchange of equipment, logistical support and security measures between the EU CSDP missions and UN Peacekeeping Operations with the flexibility and speed that is needed. This builds on existing partnerships between the EU and UN Peacekeeping Operations, especially in the Sahel region where the EU funds a 10 million euro mechanism for the provision of logistical support by MINUSMA to the G5 Sahel Joint Force. In effect, this agreement is a practical contribution of the EU to the **implementation of the Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) initiative and the wider UN reform agenda**, and therefore will be mutually beneficial.

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Peacekeepers play a critical role to protect those groups in armed conflict. Well-trained and resourced protection focal points and advisors are essential to ensure effective monitoring, reporting and ensuring accountability of grave violations. UN and Troop and Police Contributing countries should actively strive to

We continue to advocate for a better definition of the **role of regional organisations** within UN-led interventions, facilitating when appropriate rapid deployment, acting complementary to UN operations, as it is the case with EU Training and Capacity-building Missions and Operations within the framework of SSR or deployed in a bridging capacity. In this regard, we also continue to **support the development of African peace capacities**, which increasingly contribute to peace and security on the continent.

Finally, let us not forget the role of **regional initiatives** as an essential and complementary contribution to peacekeeping. The EU and its Member States especially value the role of **African peace operations** and underline the need for a predictable and sustainable financing from the international community. In this regard, they commended the progress achieved by the **African Union in the operationalization of its Peace Fund**, securing 167.9 million dollars by the end of June 2020, the highest level of contributions since the establishment of the Fund in 1993.

Thank you.