

German National Statement, Pledge Session I, UN Peacekeeping Ministerial 2025

Delivered by Boris Pistorius, Federal Minister of Defence on May 14, 2025

Honorable Under-Secretary-General Khare,

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our presence here today is more than a routine session. It is a shared expression of responsibility. It is a clear signal of our commitment for security and peace. Around the world, peacekeepers are holding the line between fragile ceasefires and renewed violence, between humanitarian aid and chaos. We owe them not just words, but real support.

Germany is here today with that commitment. We will continue to partner with the United Nations as well as Troop and Police Contributing Countries. We remain engaged in five UN peacekeeping missions with police officers, civilian experts and military personnel, and we intend to continue our military contributions to MINURSO, UNMISS and UNIFIL.

Today, I am proud to announce pledges in support of peacekeeping worth more than 82 million Euros:

Germany is strengthening the capability of fellow troop and police contributing countries with equipment, infrastructure and training, worth 16,6 million Euros, as part of our *Enable and Enhance Initiative*, with an additional 18,2 million Euros planned.

We are contributing funds worth 14,5 million Euros for *Peacekeeping Training Centers* in Africa and the UN Police Training Architecture .

To improve the safety and security of peacekeepers, we are providing equipment and training on Counter-IED through the *UN Mine Action Service*. And our medical pledges include piloting transport unmanned aerial systems for medical logistics.

We are supporting the deployment of renewable energy systems and to increase Operational Resilience. Germany is also supporting projects on technology, strategic communications and information integrity. Among them one project focusing on the use of data to enhance the protection of civilians. Moreover, we are deploying climate and security advisors.

We are providing additional funding to the *Uniformed Women Peacekeeper's Network* and are supporting further Women, Peace and Security and Conflict-related Sexual violence projects of the UN Secretariat. Furthermore, Germany is providing adequate *Personal Protective-Equipment* for 1.000 women Peacekeepers.

Training remains a trademark of German peacekeeping engagement. We will continue to support with pre-deployment training, *Mobile Training Teams* in troop and police contributing countries and In-Mission Training, for instance on counter-IED and mental health.

In addition to what we call training “Made in Germany”, we have launched joint training pledges: In 2026, we will host training of trainers with *France* on Mis/Disinformation. And we jointly provide training with both the *Netherlands* and the *United Kingdom* on Peacekeeping Intelligence.

Dedicated training is also delivered by the Police, and we stand ready to look into deploying *Specialized Police Teams* in cooperation with other police contributing countries. Our Federal Agency for Technical Relief will also continue its operational support in Peacekeeping operations.

This Ministerial clearly demonstrates: we support innovative thinking on the future of peacekeeping. This is why Germany will financially support the Secretary-General's review on the future of all forms of peace operations, which Member States mandated in the Pact for the Future.

Now, the floor is open, and I look forward to your pledges because every contribution counts. Our collective action now will shape the peacekeeping for tomorrow.

Thank you very much!