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Mr. President,

Thank you for convening this important meeting to discuss key challenges facing United Nations peacekeeping. The meeting will enable us to strengthen international peace and security by interrogating how to address current and emerging global security challenges, some of which transcend national boundaries. This can be done through advancing the performance and impact of peacekeeping operations, thereby contributing to the achievement of Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) and A4P+priorities.

Zimbabwe appreciates the work of the United Nations in enhancing international peace and security by supporting Member States in conflict, post-conflict and other crisis situations. We urge the United Nations to always consult the concerned Member States when carrying out its peacekeeping mandate as well as help strengthen the institutional capacity of host countries in terms of policing. As members of the United Nations, we should ensure that adequate financial and human resources are availed for effective implementation of the peacekeeping mandates. Considering that peacekeepers operate within civilian populations, it is important to enhance accountability of their conduct, enforce remedial action and strengthen support to victims of any sexual exploitation and abuse.

Mr. President,

Zimbabwe is committed to United Nations International Peacekeeping missions and pledges to continue supporting the United Nations Peace Operations by deploying Individual Police

Officers (IPOs). To date, Zimbabwe has deployed a total of 1 400 police officers to United Nations Peacekeeping Operations. Some Zimbabwean Police Officers have occupied professional positions in various UN missions and at the UN Headquarters in New York. The country's deployment of Formed Police Units is hampered by Unilateral Coercive Measures imposed by some Western countries after the country embarked on its Land Reform Programme.

The participation of women in UN peacekeeping efforts is critical given the operational advantages of having women in peace and security. Zimbabwe has set itself a 25% quota for women, both in recruitment and in the deployment of Officers on Peacekeeping Missions. This complements Security Council Resolution 1325 (2020) and subsequent resolutions on women, peace and security. It, equally, complements, the A4P+ and Our Common Agenda by the Secretary General, which advocate for full, equal and meaningful participation of women in peace operations.

In conclusion, Zimbabwe is committed to continue contributing towards addressing current and emerging global security challenges by deploying highly competent officers including women, to work effectively with communities in the maintenance of peace and security. We continue to reiterate His Excellency, President **ED Mnangagwa's** statement that, "**Zimbabwe is a friend to all and an enemy to none.**"

Thank you for your attention.