

## UN Peacekeeping Ministerial (Berlin, 13-14 May 2025)

### STATEMENT OF ITALY

*Excellencies, distinguished delegates,*

*traditionally, Italy has been standing at the forefront of United Nations peacekeeping efforts. It is among the leading troop-contributing countries and ranking as the seventh-largest contributor to both the UN's regular and peacekeeping budgets.*

*Italy has confirmed its commitment as reliable partner by, promoting excellence in several aspects of peacekeeping activities, including training, logistics, industry – including space – and environmental protection and sustainability.*

*We are particularly proud to host the United Nations Global Service Centre (UNGSC) in Brindisi, which plays a crucial role in supporting to UN peace operations worldwide logistically. This role is further enhanced by its close collaboration with the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD).*

*The Centre of Excellence for Stability Police Units (CoESPU) in Vicenza is a cutting-edge hub for training peacekeepers. To date, CoESPU has provided advanced, targeted training to approximately 15,000 UN peacekeepers (nearly 1,000 in 2024 alone) including both military personnel and civil servants from 128 different countries,. Our commitment to supporting UN global peace efforts will continue, alongside the activities of the Centre of Excellence for the Security Force Assistance sector, located in Cesano, near Rome.*

*Additionally, the International Centre of Excellence for Environmental Conservation, located in Sabaudia, near Rome, contributes to the training of international forces, in environmental protection for peace operations.*

*It is therefore my honor to reaffirm today Italy's enduring commitment to supporting United Nations peacekeeping, through a package of highly specialized military and police capabilities, as well as multidisciplinary training and capacity-building activities.*

*Lastly, I am pleased to announce that the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has approved a contribution of €100,000 to the UN's Triangular Partnership Programme, in support of training activities in explosive hazard awareness and counter-IED operations.*

*Thank you for your attention.*