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- Your Excellency, Under-secretary-General for Department of Peace Operations;
- Under-Secretary-General of Department for Operational Support;
- Under-Secretary-General of Department for Political and Peace-building Affairs;
- Distinguished Representatives from the Member States;
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

A very Good Morning to you all.

It is a pleasure to be with you here today to participate in the **Fifth United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit (UNCOPS 2026)**. I would like to specially thank the United Nations Police (UNPOL) for organizing this session that highlights on the future role of UN Police to best serve the peacekeeping operations along with the way of adaptation to the emerging security and operating environments in the face of all challenges and restrains.

Excellencies, let me highlight few points in this regard:

As one of the leading contributors to United Nations peace operations, Bangladesh believes that the future of UN policing must be agile, people-centred, technology-enabled, and firmly anchored in human rights and the rule of law. UN Police must continue to strengthen national ownership by building resilient host-state institutions while remaining adaptable to mission transitions and emerging operational contexts.

At the same time, we must evolve from being merely responsive to becoming more “anticipatory”. By responsibly harnessing data analytics and early-warning mechanisms, UN Police can better identify emerging risks, prevent violence before it escalates, and enhance the protection of vulnerable communities.

Bangladesh also encourages the creation of a **“UN Police Knowledge and Innovation Network”**—a platform through which Member States can systematically exchange operational lessons, specialized expertise, and good practices in areas such as cybercrime investigations, community engagement, digital forensics, and leadership development. Such collective learning can significantly enhance preparedness and effectiveness across missions.

We support a vision of UN policing that embraces innovation with accountability. Bangladesh remains steadfast in promoting women's meaningful participation and community-oriented policing

as indispensable foundations for trust, inclusion, and sustainable peace. Together, let us shape a future-ready United Nations Police—one that empowers communities towards lasting peace for present and future generations.

Thank you very much once again.