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## STATEMENT

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**Session 1: Reflecting on the future of UN Police**

**Mr. Chairperson, Excellencies, Distinguished Chiefs of Police, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The Republic of Zambia wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to you, Mr. Chairperson, and your Bureau for the excellent leadership and for organizing this timely and well-coordinated Summit. We commend the Secretariat and all partners who have dedicated their service to ensure productive deliberations on issues that are central to international peace, security, and the advancement of the rule of law. Zambia is honored to participate in this important gathering of police leaders and practitioners from across the globe.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

This Summit convenes at a critical time for international peace and security. The global security environment continues to evolve rapidly, presenting increasingly complex and interconnected threats that demand stronger international cooperation and adaptive policing responses. Armed conflicts, violent extremism, cybercrime, transnational organized crime, human trafficking, illicit financial flows, terrorism, and climate-related insecurity continue to challenge the capacity of states and international institutions alike.

In many conflict and post-conflict environments, United Nations Police continue to play a vital role in maintaining public order, strengthening national policing institutions, protecting civilians, and supporting the restoration of the rule of law. However, the operational landscape in which UN Police operate today is markedly different from that of previous decades. Peace operations are increasingly deployed in fragile environments characterized by asymmetric threats, disinformation, community mistrust, and shrinking humanitarian space.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

Zambia therefore welcomes the emerging "**Vision for the Future of UN Police**," which rightly recognizes that UN policing must evolve to meet growing global demands and we highlight three priorities:

**First, prevention.** Sustainable peace requires early warning mechanisms, community engagement, and trust-building between police and citizens.

**Second, protection.** UN Police must be equipped to address sexual and gender-based violence, child protection, trafficking, and organized crime.

**Third, strengthening rule of law institutions** through mentoring, human rights training, and accountable governance.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

Zambia underscores the importance of **women in peacekeeping**. Female officers enhance operational effectiveness—in community engagement, rebuilding trust, and addressing gender-based violence. We encourage Member States to prioritize the recruitment and deployment of more women, including in leadership positions.

We also recognize the value of **Formed Police Units (FPUs)**, particularly mixed-gender units, in public order management and high-risk operations. As the UN Policy on FPUs notes, units with at least one platoon of female officers have greater operational impact.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

Zambia is mindful of the liquidity crisis and financial constraints facing the UN. While reforms under the UN80 initiative are necessary, they must not undermine operational effectiveness or protection mandates. Efficiency gains should focus on reducing duplication and directing resources to priority areas—including technology, training, and intelligence-sharing.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

Zambia remains committed to UN peacekeeping. We pay tribute to all UN Police personnel serving in difficult environments. The international community must strengthen support through predictable financing, gender-responsive policing, and continued deployment of well-equipped, mixed-gender FPUs.

In conclusion, Zambia reaffirms its support for a future-oriented, accountable, and innovative UN policing framework, anchored in the UN Charter. Together, we can ensure UN Police remain a vital instrument for peace, security, and the rule of law worldwide.

**I thank you.**