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Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

My delegation is honored to participate in the Fifth United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit. We commend the Secretariat and the UN Police Division for advancing the Secretary-General's vision of "a transformed UN Police that is people-centered, modern, agile, mobile and flexible, specialized, rights-based and norm-driven." This vision is increasingly important as the international community confronts complex and transnational security challenges.

Although Cambodia has not yet deployed police officers or formed police units to United Nations peacekeeping missions, we remain committed to strengthening cooperation with the UN Police Division. As our national capacities evolve, we are open to exploring future avenues of engagement, including the gradual development of police capabilities aligned with UN standards.

International cooperation is indispensable to addressing transnational organized crime, trafficking networks, cyber-enabled criminality, and the destabilizing effects of climate-related shocks. These challenges transcend borders and require coordinated responses grounded in trust, information-sharing, and respect for international norms.

We support the Summit's objective of building a common vision and concrete commitments to equip UN Police to contribute effectively to the Pact for the Future and to A4P/A4P+. Strengthened interoperability, real-time information exchange, and harmonized legal frameworks are essential to ensuring that police institutions can respond to evolving threats with professionalism and integrity.

We also recognize the growing importance of police expertise in peace operations, particularly in supporting rule of law institutions and protecting civilians. Cambodia remains open to exploring cooperation in training, capacity development, and other areas that may support UN requirements in the future.

In closing, Cambodia reaffirms its commitment to multilateralism and to working closely with all Member States, the UN Police Division, and international partners. Enhanced international cooperation – grounded in shared responsibility and mutual support – is essential to building a safer and more resilient global community.

Thank you, Chair.