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Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honor to address this Assembly in this solemn occasion. Allow me, first of all, to express my sincere appreciation to the United Nations for the organization of this important event and for its constant commitment to peace, stability and the rule of law in an increasingly complex international environment.

Today, we face challenges that transcend borders: artificial intelligence, disinformation, climate-related instability, and increasingly sophisticated and transnational organized crime.

These threats cannot be addressed in isolation. They require cooperation, coordination and mutual trust among institutions and nations.



Italy strongly supports the vision of a modern, agile, specialized and people-centred United Nations Police, capable of contributing effectively to peace operations and to the broader objectives of the Action for Peacekeeping framework and the Pact for the Future.

In this context, allow me to briefly recall the experience of the Arma dei Carabinieri.

For more than two centuries, the Carabinieri have represented a unique institutional model, combining military structure with civilian policing functions. This dual nature allows us to operate as a bridge between the military and civilian dimensions of security,

particularly in fragile and crisis environments where coordination among different actors is crucial.

This is also why international police cooperation must be based on shared standards, common values and a people-centred approach. It is indeed essential to strengthen the rule of law, protect the environment and cultural heritage, and promote the protection and empowerment of women. In all these areas, community-oriented and proximity policing remain key to building trust and making security effective, legitimate and inclusive



Across numerous international missions, this model has proven its value in supporting stability, institution-building and operational effectiveness.

Italy and the Carabinieri remain deeply committed to multilateralism and to the central role of the United Nations. In this framework, the Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units in Vicenza continues to promote interoperability, professional standards and capacity-building in close cooperation with the United Nations and partner countries.

Allow me, finally, to express our deepest gratitude to all those who, serve under the flag of the United Nations in difficult and dangerous environments.

Our thoughts also go to all peacekeepers who have been wounded or have fallen in the line of duty. Their sacrifice reminds us that peace is not only an aspiration, but a responsibility carried out every day with courage, discipline and dedication.

To them, and to the values they embody, we owe our highest respect.

Thank you.

