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"STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION"

Your Excellencies,

My delegation is honoured to contribute to this discussion on **"Strengthening International Cooperation,"** a principle that remains essential in addressing the complex security challenges we are facing today.

The United Nations Police demonstrates the strength of international cooperation. Through peace operations, officers from across the world serve side by side, in pursuit of a common objective, the maintenance of international peace and security.

Zimbabwe is proud to be part of these efforts. Since 1991, Zimbabwe has deployed more than 1400 police officers to United Nations peace operations across Africa, Asia and Europe. These contributions reflect Zimbabwe's enduring commitment to multilateralism, peacebuilding and international solidarity.

In carrying out these deployments, Zimbabwe remains equally committed to advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. We recognise the vital role of women in conflict prevention, peacebuilding and the protection of vulnerable communities, and we continue to support their meaningful participation in peace operations.

Excellencies,

The challenges before us are significant. Armed conflicts and transnational crime continue to undermine peace and development. These realities remind

us that international cooperation is indispensable. Lasting peace requires collective action, mutual trust and a shared commitment to addressing both immediate threats and their root causes.

Your Excellencies,

Zimbabwe was recently elected as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council for the term 2027 – 2028. During our tenure on the Council, Zimbabwe will continue to champion dialogue, partnership and collective solutions to global peace and security challenges. We believe that cooperation, grounded in mutual respect and sovereign equality, remains the most effective pathway to peace and stability.

As UNCOPS 26 deliberates on the future of international cooperation, Zimbabwe stands ready to play its part in advancing peace, security and stability for all.

I thank you