

**United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial
Plenary: Pledging Session
Austrian Statement**

[Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany],

[Federal Minister of the Foreign Office],

[Federal Minister of Defence],

Dear Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me begin by thanking Germany for hosting this year's Peacekeeping Ministerial in close cooperation with the United Nations.

Nearly 65 years ago, the first **Austrian peacekeepers** were deployed to the United Nations Operation in the Congo. Since then, and without interruption, more than 100.000 Austrians have served in UN Peacekeeping Operations all over the globe. We will continue to uphold our longstanding commitment as a reliable, active and enduring partner – both as a troop and police-contributing country and as an active proponent of the UN Peacekeeping agenda.

Austria has submitted **24 Pledges** across nearly all areas outlined in the 2025 Pledging Guide. It is my privilege to highlight and announce some of these pledges on behalf of the Republic of Austria:

- In light of Austria's commitment to strengthening the future of UN Peacekeeping, Austria pledges to host several events including the first ever "Office of Military Affairs Leadership Retreat", the "Networked Multilateralism: Upgrading Partnerships Series" in cooperation with DPO, the third "Austrian Roundtable on Climate and Security" in Brussels, as

well as conferences to strengthen UN mission-level planning and the Comprehensive Planning and Performance Assessment System.

- In line with Austria's long-standing support as a troop contributing country, Austria pledges to continue its deployments to UNIFIL, UNMIK, UNFICYP, UNTSO and MINURSO, and stands ready to receive an Assessment and Advisory Visit from the UN to elevate pledged units in UNPCRS to Level 2.
- With the aim of ensuring the highest standards of quality among peacekeeping personnel, Austria pledges to undertake several initiatives including, supporting the Peacekeeping Intelligence Courses in Entebbe, contributing to the development of a Climate Adaptation Roadmap for UN Peacekeeping, conducting Hostile Environment Awareness Training Courses, as well as strengthening training and standards of quality for internationally deployed personnel.
- In order to strengthen women's full, equal and meaningful participation, Austria pledges to assess barriers to and good practices for the participation of women in national security institutions and in UN Peacekeeping Operations, to continue conducting the SaferGuard Training for Women Ammunition and Technical Experts at the international and regional level, to co-fund – in cooperation with the United Kingdom – a UN Women's Military Peace Operations Course, hosted by Kenya in 2026, and to continue offering the Gender Expert Qualifier Course in the MENA region.
- Austria also pledges to conduct several courses with the aim of enhancing training and capacity building, including the UN Military Experts on Mission Course, as well as provide Military Mobile Training Teams to address urgent training needs, including in the area of Ammunition Management.

In closing, let me reiterate that Austria will remain a reliable partner for the UN Peacekeeping agenda. I am very proud that Austria has not only been able to build upon our previous contributions in Ghana but has also submitted an ambitious new set of pledges. Austria hereby reaffirms its longstanding support for UN Peacekeeping Operations in the years to come and remains firmly committed to the shared goal of this year's Ministerial to make peacekeeping more effective, adaptable and better equipped to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Thank you!