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**TO THE PLENARY SESSION AT THE PEACEKEEPING
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Berlin, 14 May 2025

Mr Président, Dear colleagues, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

1. First, please allow me to echo the congratulations extended to the Federal Republic of Germany for hosting and organizing this important conference.
2. Then, I would like to commend all the efforts made by the United Nations, and particularly Under-Secretaries-General Jean-Pierre Lacroix and Atul Khare, for the quality of their work and the remarkable performances they achieve daily at the head of their respective departments.

Mr President,

3. Senegal remains committed to the values of multilateralism. This is why, just after independence in 1960, it responded to collective security calls by contributing troops in the United Nations Operation in the Congo (UNOC).
4. This unwavering commitment has lasted 65 years now, with Senegal having provided to the United Nations up to 120 military and police contingents, including specialized units such as level 2 and 3 hospitals, engineering detachments and helicopters.
5. Today, it is my pleasure to announce that this contribution will be reinforced in three prioritized categories.
6. Under Uniformed capabilities, Senegal will contribute the following:
 - 1x multirole engineering unit, with eventually a military bridging capability;
 - 1x level 2 hospital;
 - 1x aircraft CASA-295 in standby or on-call.

7. Then, regarding pre-deployment training, capacity building and partnership, Senegal offers to host, at the Captain Mbaye Diagne National Training Center and its annexes, courses on Gender, Protection of Civilians, and Counter-IED.
8. In this regard, let me take this opportunity to thank Canada and UNITAR for the selection of Senegal as a partner on the initiative: “Promoting Excellence: reinforcement of peacekeeping training institutions”.
9. Finally, Senegal will strengthen its support to the women, peace and security agenda. The current contribution is already increasingly gender-balanced, as evidenced by the rate of representation of women in the Senegalese FPU. Currently, Senegal has six (06) FPUs deployed, two (02) are led by women and have reached the level of “gender strong unit” since several years. In addition, Senegal has reached an overall percentage of 19%, thus exceeding by four points the target of 15% set for 2025 by UN gender parity strategy for uniformed personnel.
10. To conclude, I would like to reaffirm Senegal's political commitment to peacekeeping operations. We will remain firmly committed to providing capable and ready units, with the proper mindset to achieve performance, while adopting an ethical conduct reflective of the values and traditions of the United Nations.

I thank you !