



**Association of Asia Pacific Peace Operations Training Centers (AAPTCT) Annual Meeting
Colombo, Sri Lanka
1-3 August 2017**

Guided by the principles enshrined in the Preamble of the United Nations Charter and its Articles signed by all the Member States of the Association, to maintain international peace and security,

Fully aware of the important role played by the United Nations and Member States to maintain international peace and security for the peaceful settlement of disputes supported by United Nations peace operations,

Having examined the Requirements of the Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System (PCRS) and its aims to establish a more predictable and dynamic process of interaction between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and Member States for ensuring readiness in timely deployment of the highest quality peacekeeping capability,

Noting further the Priorities, the Implementation Plan and the call for change in United Nations and regional peace operations in the Secretary General's Report of 2 September 2015,

Guided by the Articles of Association, with a Vision to be the leading forum for training and execution of United Nations peace operations around the world,

Recalling the Purpose of the Association, to enhance the operational readiness of peacekeepers by advancing Asia Pacific Peace Operations Training Institutions in conjunction with wider regional and global governmental and nongovernmental efforts through the Sharing of resources; Sharing of best practices and lessons learnt; Synergizing efforts amongst regional organizations; Training and Education information sharing; and Attendance at the Annual General Meeting,

Emphasizing the importance of the Organization's message to improve peace operations by the Association's adoption of the theme of "Challenges of Developing a Robust Peacekeeping Mindset" for its 2017 Annual Meeting and Workshop proceedings

Recognizing the full range of challenges faced in modern peace operations,

Realizing that improvements in modern peace operations require more effective implementation of higher standards in all areas of training and operations,

Desiring to further energize the Association's efforts to be a positive agent for change and continuous improvement for the Members,

The Members of the Association at the Annual General Meeting,

1. Congratulates and Expresses its Appreciation to the United Nations and Member States for the development of new and updates Policies, Guidelines, Standards and other efforts made by the Organization to support improvements in peace operations training;

2. Supports the call for change to address the challenges of modern peace operations;
3. Calls upon the Members of the Association to embrace the efforts to improve peace operations through training;
4. Encourages the Members of the Association to implement the Policies, Guidelines, Standards and other efforts designed to improve the training of peacekeepers and their in-mission performance;
5. Emphasizes the need to address improvements in training and other areas that enhance the ability of peacekeepers to play an integral role in the Protection of Civilians and take actions to maintain the highest Standards of Conduct, strengthening the Legitimacy of the United Nations and its Missions, and honoring both the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the cause of peace and those who continue to serve;
6. Deeply Expresses its Appreciation to the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations for continued support to the Members of the Association and its attending Observers of the latest in the Organization to address and assist Member States in implementing improvements in peace operations training;
7. Recommends that the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and Department of Field Support endeavor to improve processes for more expedient delivery of equipment into mission for deployed contingents;
8. Recommends that the Integrated Training Service quickly and inclusively communicates changes to any peacekeeping training requirements in support of the Members' aims to improve mandate implementation;
9. Expresses desire for the response of the United Nations to the 2016 communiqué
10. Extends an Invitation to the Organization to participate in the Association's Annual Meeting and Workshop in 2018 in the Republic of Korea

In keeping with the Articles of Association of the Asia-Pacific Peace Operations Training Centers (AAPTC), we affirm our commitment to ensure the highest quality of training of peacekeepers for United Nations peace operations.



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