

**Association of Asia-Pacific Peace Operations Training Centers**  
**(AAPTC) Annual General Meeting**  
**Sydney, Australia**  
**1-4 May 2023**

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,

Evaluating updates on related UN training policies, specialised training materials and manuals, noting the need for increased collaboration and mentoring between peacekeeping centers,

Emphasizing increased participation of women peacekeepers through the expansion of training opportunities and their employment in conventional military and leadership roles in peacekeeping operations,

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 non-governmental 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 not only improve but lead in peace operations performance by the Association's adoption of the theme of "Stronger Together: Enhancing Training Standardisation and Emerging Capabilities" for its 2023 Annual General Meeting and Workshop proceedings,

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

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

Recognizing the importance of the A4P and A4P+ with the commitment by the members to embrace a growth mindset in response to the challenges to the contemporary peace operations environment,

Desiring to further energize the Association's efforts to be a positive and inclusive 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 continued development of new and updated 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 contemporary 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 the brave men and women who continue to serve and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the cause of peace,
6. Encourage members to send feedback to United Nations Department of Peace Operations on feedback regarding new and updated peace operations manuals and other relevant materials,
7. Deeply expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Department of Peace Operations for continued support to the members of the Association and its attending observers of the latest developments in the Organization to address and assist Member States in implementing improvements to peace operations training,
8. Recommends that the United Nations collectively reflect upon the challenges and opportunities of the information operating environment, regarding peace operations,
9. Recommends that the United Nations Integrated Training Service quickly and inclusively communicates changes to any

peacekeeping training requirements in support of the members' aims to improve mandate implementation,

10. Expresses desire for a United Nations response to the 2023 communique,

11. Extends an invitation to the Organization to participate in the Association's next Annual General Meeting and Workshop to be held in Bangladesh, 2024.

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



**Lieutenant Colonel Nick Floyd**  
Chairman, AAPTTC 2023  
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