



**GUINEAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE'S ADDRESS AT THE UNITED NATIONS MINISTERIAL
CONFERENCE ON PEACEKEEPING IN BERLIN**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honor for me to submit my country, the Republic of Guinea, at the United Nations Ministerial Conference for Peace, held in this historic country.

In speaking here, I would like to begin by expressing my sincere thanks to the organizers for honoring my country by inviting it to this meeting of global importance.

Please allow me to then convey the respectful greetings of His Excellency General Mamadi Doumbouya, President of the Republic of Guinea, to the highest authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany for their hospitality and kindness.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The issue of peacekeeping, which brings us together here, is a major, recurring, and crosscutting concern for all countries aspiring to progress, because there is no development and human progress without any peace and security, which are the foundations of stability.

However, despite the efforts of the international community, insecurity continues to plague all countries, due to threats of all kinds.

In Africa, chronic insecurity is located in the Horn of Africa, the Great Lakes countries, and Central and West Africa.

In West Africa, following civil wars, rebel attacks, and political unrest, and more recently after the destabilization of Libya, terrorism has shifted its epicenter to the Sahel-Saharan strip.

The scale of the security challenges facing the world today requires the United Nations to innovate in pooling efforts.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Republic of Guinea, which has already experienced two armed attacks in the past, enjoys relative peace despite the threat of terrorist destabilization due to the porosity of its long land borders of approximately 3,399 km and a 300 km coastline.

Aware of its historical responsibilities, the Republic of Guinea has a distinguished history of peacekeeping operations, both bilaterally and within the United Nations.

It has acquired rich experience following interventions in Republic of Congo, Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Republic of Angola, Republic of Benin, Republic of Liberia, and Republic of Sierra Leone. The most recent was its participation in the stabilization effort in Republic of Mali, where its army contributed a company to AFISMA and then a battalion to MINUSMA for eight years.

Knowing that international peacekeeping is an undertaking that involves all nations, the Republic of Guinea reiterates, through me, its commitment to continue participating in peacekeeping operations.

The Republic of Guinea has a sub-regional peacekeeping training center for this purpose, which may be used by the United Nations.

Thus, on behalf of His Excellency the President of the Republic, I hereby solemnly announce Guinea's commitment to provide, at any time, a 650-man armored battalion, an 850-man motorized infantry battalion trained and equipped to United Nations standards, as well as 1,000 men (Gendarmerie and Police) trained and equipped for the United Nations police.

I conclude by expressing my hope that these meetings will achieve the desired results for lasting peace in the world.

Long live peace for human progress,

Long live international cooperation.

Thank you.