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MINUSTAH announces its latest security measures

Port-au-Prince, 1st June 2005 – The military forces and the international civilian police of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) announced, on Wednesday 1st June, the new measures taken against the upsurge of insecurity in the country. The announcement was made during one of the Mission’s weekly press briefings, which was held in order to inform as well about the latest Security Council decisions.

“The Security Council has decided to extend MINUSTAH’s mandate until June 24th 2005, with the intention to renew it for further periods,” said MINUSTAH’s Chief of Communication and Public Information, Toussaint Kongo-Doudou. Mr. Kongo-Doudou added that the “Secretary-General recommends the reinforcement of the military force with 800 troops and 275 police as well as the extension of the mandate for 12 months.”

Briefing the media on the latest MINUSTAH military force and security operations and measures, Lieutenant Colonel Philippe Kleb indicated that “due to the increase of violence, MINUSTAH has reinforced security in Cite Militaire and Pele sectors with Peruvian and Argentinean troops.” Mr. Kleb explained that “MINUSTAH, besides its military actions inside the country, also provides security to Cite Soleil and to electoral operations.” “In regards to kidnapping, the Brazilian Brigade coordinates its actions with the Haitian National Police (HNP),” added Philippe Kleb.

Concerning the humanitarian actions of the military force during the past week, Lieutenant Colonel Kleb announced that “1000 medical treatments and 3000 meals were provided to the population.” “The contingents have also distributed 1435 pairs of shoes to the schools located in the Northeastern Department,” he added.

The spokesperson of the International Civilian Police (CIVPOL), Jean Francois Vezina, introduced the new measures taken against abductions and announced “the establishment, together with the HNP, of investigation cells in charge of collecting of information with the help of the population,” adding that “the phone numbers are available at the Central Direction of the Judicial Police (Direction Centrale de la Police Judiciare – DCPJ). The cell will collect all useful information.”

“MINUSTAH has made progress towards creating an environment in which the political transition can unfold, notably related to the electoral process, disarmament and the national dialogue,” concluded Toussaint Kongo-Doudou.

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