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**PRESS RELEASE**

***Head of MINUSTAH meets representatives of Haitian media***



**Port-au-Prince, 06 July 2005** – The United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary General in Haiti and head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), Juan Gabriel Valdés, had a meeting with high representatives of the Haitian media this Wednesday, 6 July, in Port-au-Prince.

Speaking about the new Resolution, Mr. Valdés remarked that «there is, on one side, people who analyze it in a positive way, who see the important contribution that it will bring to the professionalization of the Haitian National Police (HNP). There are also those who consider this Resolution as a way of putting Haiti under tutelage, as an attack to the country's sovereignty». Concerning the latter, Ambassador Valdés made clear that «the United Nations continues to respect the sovereignty of Haiti, its independence, and reaffirm it in the very beginning of the Resolution's preamble ».

« All steps of MINUSTAH will be toward the establishment of a new partnership between the Haitian authorities and the Mission in order to make the HNP reliable and efficient. », observed the Special Representative.

Other issues were also discussed, regarding notably the electoral process, the national dialogue and security.



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