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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### ***A press briefing of MINUSTAH and the HNP dedicated to security in Haiti***

**Port-au-Prince, 17 November 2004** – The United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) held, on 17 November, a press briefing in conjunction with the Haitian National Police (HNP), regarding current security issues in Haiti.

The press briefing was attended by the Police Commissioner of MINUSTAH, David Beer, and Mrs. Gessy Cameau Coicou, spokeswoman of the HNP, and mediated by the Chief of the Office of Communications and Public Information of MINUSTAH, Mr. Toussaint Kongo-Doudou.

Commissioner Beer recalled the mandate of the Civilian Police (CIVPOL) which states that CIVPOL are tasked with the "establishment of a secure and stable environment in Haiti, as well as the professional development and training of the HNP". Mr. Beer took this opportunity to give the recent numbers of CIVPOL deployed in Haiti, which is steadily increasing and is now at 1238, including 594 civilian police and 644 members of the Formed Police Unites - FPU) of the 1622 foreseen by the Security Council. He also underlined that there are 45 countries which provide police for the Mission.

Mr. Beer also pointed out that the increase in the strength of the Civilian Police allows for "the progressive return to a normal security situation in some districts of Port-au-Prince."

"MINUSTAH's Civilian Police is a privileged partner of the Haitian National Police", asserted the spokeswoman of the HNP, speaking about the security operations led collectively by HNP and MINUSTAH to overcome insecurity in Port-au-Prince.

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