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MINUSTAH implements restoration projects on « route des rails » in Port-au-Prince

Port-au-Prince, 05 January 2005 – On 21 December, the United Nations Stabilization in Haiti (MINUSTAH) initiated a 4 kilometer road restoration project in the neighborhood of Carrefour, in Port-au-Prince. The road works are taking place in the so called “route de rails”, parallel to Route National Number 2, which intersects three different Haitian regions – Grand’Anse, South and South-East.

The restoration project is managed by the Rehabilitation and Development Programme for socio-economic infrastructures (PRD) and financed by the European Community. Furthermore, MINUSTAH is in charge of executing the project which has an estimated cost of 5.557.000 gourdes and aims at reestablishing a significant road inside the neighborhood of Carrefour, which was previously suffering from frequent traffic jams.

MINUSTAH’s Chilean/Ecuadorian joint engineers are providing the necessary construction materials for the project and have announced that the road works should be finished by February 21.

Besides the road restoration in Carrefour, MINUSTAH’s Brazilian contingent and the Haitian National Police (HNP) are working in close coordination on a clean-up operation in the neighborhood of Bel Air, Port-au-Prince. The objective of this operation is to clean four streets in that area which are covered with carcasses of broken cars and burned tires: rue St. Martin, rue Sans Fil, rue Mailord and rue Channel.

The clean-up operation –fully conducted by the tractors, trucks, truck-trailers etc. of MINUSTAH-involved the work of approximately 400 militaries from the Brazilian contingent as well as Chilean engineers and civil police officers and a MINUSTAH Formed Police Unit (FPU).

On 5 January, MINUSTAH’s Public Information and Communication Office invited both the international and national press to visit both sites and assess the progress of these operations.

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