



## **BRAZIL**

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Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of Brazil aligns itself with the statement made by the representative of Costa Rica on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States.

I would like to thank the Controller, Ms. Maria Eugenia Casar, for introducing the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, under agenda item 155. I would also like to thank the Chairman of the ACABQ, Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, for introducing the relevant report of the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Chairman,

Brazil supports the implementation of MINUSTAH's consolidation plan, which lays out the conditions for a sustainable drawdown of the current UN military and police presence in Haiti, in line with the security situation on the ground, as approved by the Security Council. A careful, gradual and

responsible approach should prevail in the planning of MINUSTAH's transition phase. However, it is the security situation in Haiti, along with its social and political dimensions, and the Haitian capacity to assume increasing responsibilities that should guide the pace of transition.

The drawdown of MINUSTAH troops should not be guided by financial imperatives, the need for additional resources in other peacekeeping missions or an arbitrary overall target for peacekeeping expenditures. Any responsible budgetary decision by this Committee needs to take fully into account the unique mandate, complexities, specificities and operational conditions of each peacekeeping operation. It is the duty of the General Assembly to give the necessary resources for MINUSTAH to fully discharge its mandate.

Brazil will actively engage in the negotiations with a view to ensure that key MINUSTAH objectives, such as support for the electoral processes and political national dialogue, are met with adequate financial resources. The mission efforts with respect to the development of the Haitian National Police and the tasks performed by the civilian component of the Mission, such as assistance in strengthening the rule of law institutions and local administration, are key aspects of the budget proposal presented today. As discussed last year, Brazil reiterates the need for MINUSTAH to continue to be able to quickly respond in remote areas in support of the national police, as the Mission withdraws its military presence from these regions.

Mr. Chairman,

In Haiti, Community Violence Reduction programs and Quick Impact Projects have proved to be critical and effective tools to foster sustainable peace and security. Brazil welcomes the deeper integration of community violence reduction projects within the context of the rule of law activities of the Mission. It is our view that QIPs and CVR will become ever more important as the military footprint of the mission is reduced, including in the context of the progressive transfer of security responsibilities from

MINUSTAH to the Haitian National Police. Ensuring that they are further strengthened and fully implemented must be an integral element of a sustainable consolidation strategy.

Mr. Chairman,

As we have reiterated in previous years, Brazil strongly opposes the adoption of efficiency measures at the expense of the safety and security of those in the mission. We urge the Secretariat to refrain from such measures in MINUSTAH as well as in any other mission. In our interactions, Brazil will seek further clarification on the existing arrangements to handle medical evacuation cases.

Mr. Chairman,

We wish to reiterate our strong support for MINUSTAH and to stress our longstanding position that stability will only be achieved if we simultaneously address issues of security, national reconciliation, human rights, and development with social justice. As the level of forces is being reduced, fostering a peaceful and stable environment, based on the strengthening of national capacities, becomes an even stronger imperative. We should not sacrifice hard-earned security and stability at the risk of paying a higher price in the medium term.

We call upon all delegations in the Committee to continue to support MINUSTAH during its consolidation phase, so that the Mission's achievements in supporting the Haitian Government and people can become a sustainable foundation for Haitian stability and development.

Thank you.