

Statement by the delegation of Brazil on the financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) at the Second Resumed Part of the Seventy-First Session of the General Assembly Fifth Committee

Thank you Madam chair,

I would like to thank Ms. Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, Assistant-Secretary General, Controller, as well as Mr. Carlos Ruiz-Massieu, Chair of the Advisory Committee, for introducing the reports of the Secretary-General and the ACABQ on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH).

My delegation would like to align itself with the statement of CELAC.

On April 13th the Security Council adopted Resolution 2350/17, which decided to extend the mandate of MINUSTAH for a final period of six months, and to close the Mission by October 15th 2017.

MINUSTAH has been a uniquely successful mission, having deployed more than one hundred and ten thousand soldiers from Latin America and from around the globe to support Haitian authorities to ensure a secure and stable environment for its people, and to help them to reconstruct the country after natural disasters. For 13 years, Brazil has been a troop contributing country to MINUSTAH, and has had the honor and privilege to exercise its military command.

Countries in our region are very proud of the work done by MINUSTAH, including its military component, which has had exemplary behavior and operational performance, contributing decisively to the success of the Mission and, ultimately, to the mandate approved by the Security Council.

Throughout its deployment, MINUSTAH has been fully committed to implement its mandate without any occurrence of undeclared caveats, lack of effective command and control, refusal to obey orders, failure to respond to attacks on civilians or inadequate equipment. Despite some challenges faced by MINUSTAH, attempts to deconstruct its legacy is a misconceived, misleading, and irresponsible approach to the mission.

Madam Chair,

Aware of MINUSTAH's accomplishments, the United Nations must bear in mind that its work in Haiti is not over. There are many challenges ahead. In this regard, we welcome the Secretary General's recommendation that a new United Nations peacekeeping mission be established in Haiti, in order to continue to assist the Government of Haiti to consolidate its progress by reinforcing public institutions and strengthening ~~the~~ national capacity for ^{the} rule of law, police development, and human rights.

As MINUSTAH gradually phases out, it is important for the Organization to acknowledge its achievements and to consider the replication of the mission's best practices and lessons learned.

Last but not least, it is essential that the General Assembly allocates all necessary resources that will allow the liquidation of the Mission in a responsible and orderly manner, attuned to the realities on the ground. Furthermore, it is crucial that MINUJUSTH receives sufficient funds for the full implementation for its mandated tasks, including Community Violence Reduction programs (CVR) and other programmatic activities as well as Quick Impact Projects (QIPs).

Thank you very much Madam Chair.