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The United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) regrets that the Haitian National Police (HNP) was not informed, within the legal timeframe, about the demonstration to take place in Cite Soleil this morning. While not respecting the prescribed regulations, the organizers of the demonstration prevented the HNP from taking the appropriate security measures necessary to protect the lives of the demonstrators and residents of Cite Soleil. Today, before the manifestation, the HNP and MINUSTAH will meet with the organizers to further discuss the rules that should apply to demonstrations.

MINUSTAH and the HNP are currently conducting a grand scale operation in Cite Soleil in order to re-establish order and peace. To succeed with this operation, MINUSTAH will need the cooperation of the residents of that area.

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