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Situation Report for Media: Multinational Interim Force

MIAMI – Following are significant events and activities of the Multinational Interim Force (MIF) and Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) – Haiti and associated agencies supporting Operation Secure Tomorrow during the last 24 hours (new or updated information is in bold characters:)

- **Stability Operations:** MIF/CJTF-H officials and representatives of other U.S. Government agencies continue to coordinate with Haitian authorities to restore stability and the rule of law.
 - **Officials from the MIF/CJTF-H, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Haitian National Police (HNP) met with owners of businesses in the Port-au-Prince (PaP) port facilities to discuss enhanced security and return to normal business operations.**
 - **USAID and MIF/CJTF-H officials continue to facilitate coordination with Haitian Government officials and interested humanitarian Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to provide Haitians employment opportunities in clean-up and infrastructure restoration and improvement.**
- **Presence Patrols, Security and Disarmament Operations:**
 - MIF/CJTF-H troops from the U.S. Marine, French, Chilean, and Canadian contingents have secured port facilities and the international airport in PaP and Cap Haitien to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance and restore the routine flow of commercial cargo and passengers.
 - MIF/CJTF-H troops and HNP are clearing and securing key transportation routes to permit the safe and secure movement of security forces, humanitarian assistance, emergency services and commercial traffic.
 - HNP and MIF/CJTF-H officials continue to urge Haitians to disarm and emphasize that threats to MIF/CJTF-H forces or the HNP will not be tolerated.
 - **The MIF/CJTF-H conducted more than 50 presence patrols in PaP, Cap Haitien and Gonaives yesterday to help stabilize the security situation, support disarmament and protect Haitians from acts of violence. The patrols have repeatedly demonstrated disciplined and effective responses to threats and are promoting increasing confidence, cooperation and support from the majority of the Haitian people.**
- **Security Assessments:**
 - The MIF/CJTF-H is continuing to conduct security assessment visits throughout Haiti and is providing security assistance to Haitian government officials. Those assessments indicate a generally improving security situation and the reestablishment of the rule of law and civil order.

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- **Force Statistics:**
 - **MIF/CTJF-H currently consists of more than 3500 troops, which includes approximately 2000 U.S., about 780 French** (including French Naval personnel in Caribbean waters), **more than 450 Canadians and nearly 330 Chileans.**
 - MIF/CTJF-H forces on the ground have a robust quick reaction and mobility capability, including numerous vehicles and more than 15 aircraft. Additionally, about **8** ships in Haitian and nearby international waters provide for migrant interdiction, rescue and repatriation; maritime safety, aids to navigation and support of MIF/CJTF forces ashore.
 - **MIF/CJTF-H has more than 40 aircraft available for support of** personnel and cargo movement, reconnaissance and maritime surveillance.

- **Migrant Interdiction:**
 - Department of Homeland Security's USCG District 7 continues to patrol Haitian and international waters in support of migration interdiction and rescue. More details are available at: <http://www.d7publicaffairs.com/>. DHS, U.S. State Department, and MIH/CJTF officials continue to report no significant migration attempts.

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