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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.
 - **A UN World Food Program shipment has arrived at Cap Haitien and will be unloaded and distributed with French forces providing security.**
 - **Humanitarian assessments have been conducted in Cap Haitien, Les Cayes, Jeremie, Ile de la Gonave, Port de Paix, Hinche and Maissade.**
 - **A representative of the UN Office of Humanitarian Assistance joined the MIF/CJTF Civil-Military Operation Center's (C-MOC) staff yesterday. That staff is working to turnover their functions to a UN Humanitarian Operations Center by June 1, 2004.**
- **Presence Patrols, Security and Disarmament Operations:**
 - **The CJTF-H Commander, U.S. Marine Brig. Gen. Ronald S. Coleman, spoke to the Haitian people today on several local radio stations. He explained the Task Force's mission and operations, the importance of cooperation with personnel manning Traffic control and checkpoints and gave other important information. Haitian and MIF/CJTF-H officials are coordinating an information campaign to inform Haitians about traffic control and checkpoint procedures and the appropriate responses to instructions from HNP and MIF/CJTF-H personnel manning those points and conducting presence patrols.**
 - **MIF/CJTF-H troops from the U.S. Marine, French, Chilean, and Canadian contingents have secured port facilities and the international airport in Port-au-Prince (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 Haitian National Police (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 two-dozen presence patrols in PaP 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.**

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- **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.

- **Force Statistics:**

- **MIF/CTJF-H currently consists of more than 3,300 troops, which includes more than 1,800 U.S., about 760 French** (including French Naval personnel in Caribbean waters), **more than 450 Canadians** and more than 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 10 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 nearly 45 aircraft** to support personnel and cargo movement, reconnaissance and maritime surveillance.

- **Migrant Interdiction:**

- Department of Homeland Security's Coast Guard 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 MIF/CJTF officials continue to report no significant migration attempts.

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