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Situation Report for Media: Multinational Interim Force

MIAMI – The following are recent significant events and activities of the Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) – Haiti and associated agencies supporting Operation Secure Tomorrow:

- **Stability & Humanitarian Operations:** 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. The Combined Civil-Military Operations Center (CMOC) continues to work with non-government organizations and humanitarian aid organizations to get aid to Haiti, cleared through the ports, and out to the people of Haiti as quickly as possible. Humanitarian assistance is moving to the neighborhoods of Port-au-Prince.
  - A U.S. Marine doctor and four medical personnel were provided to support the Cite Soleil Hospital.
  - CJTF-H engineers repaired damaged schools in Cite Soleil. Schools are open and attendance is reported to be high.
  - Donated health kits and medical equipment were delivered to three Port-au-Prince hospitals.
  - CJTF-H forces provided clean water to a geriatric hospital in Cite Soleil.

- **Presence Patrols, Security and Disarmament Operations:**
  - Security forces continue to conduct presence patrols to provide security, interact with the population and identify and assess community organizations to facilitate follow-on Civil Affairs projects.
  - Forces from the CJTF-H assisted a Haitian National Police (HNP) officer who had been shot by providing medical aid and transporting him to the hospital. No CJTF forces were involved in the shooting.
  - Street sweep operations are making progress clearing trash, debris and disabled vehicles from the roadways of Port-au-Prince.
  - MIF-H forces continue to gain momentum helping the HNP take illegal arms off the street in order to bring about stability and order in the country.

- **Force Statistics:**
  - CTJF-H currently consists of over 3,500 troops, which includes about 1,940 U.S., about 825 French, about 435 Canadians and nearly 330 Chileans.
  - CTJF-H forces include ground, air and maritime forces.

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