

## **SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **SUBTHEME: PARTICIPATION OF ARMED FORCES AND SECURITY FORCES IN PEACEKEEPING**

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The delegations of Chile, Brazil, Uruguay, El Salvador (CFAC), Haiti, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Bolivia gave presentations about their experiences, visions and recommendations concerning the subtheme of the thematic discussion.

Following the discussion, the participants drew the following conclusions:

- 1. They reaffirmed the peaceful vocation of the American continent and their resolve to contribute to world peace and security, in accordance with the mechanisms identified in the United Nations Charter. This vocation explains why the region has carried out peacekeeping operations within the UN framework for several decades.**
- 2. They agreed that the objective of these operations is to help countries in conflict create conditions for a lasting and sustainable peace.**
- 3. They agreed that, in the context of this type of operation, it is important to develop coordinated operational capacities, taking into account the multilateral nature of such exercises.**
- 4. It is important to maintain coordination in the formulation of doctrine and combined exercises, as a means of strengthening the operational capacities developed among military and police forces of the participating countries.**
- 5. Peacekeeping operations must be flexible enough to adapt to the changing situation in the country, so as to maximize their peacekeeping effectiveness.**
- 6. Peacekeeping operations should also facilitate the political process by promoting dialogue and good governance.**
- 7. They emphasized the need to promote gender equality in participation in this type of operations.**

**8. They congratulated themselves on the creation of the Latin American Association of Peacekeeping Operations Centres (ALCOPAZ), which reflects the commitment of the Latin American region to regional integration.**

**Recommendations:**

**1. Promote greater coordination of the work of the various agencies of the United Nations and other organizations present in the field, taking into account the policies established by the respective government.**

**2. Promote national public acceptance of the commitments undertaken to participate in peace missions.**

**3. Peacekeeping missions should be guided by the following principles:**

- Respect for the unique nature and characteristics of the countries in which the operations take place.**
- Support for reconstruction of the country's political institutions.**
- Promotion of improvements in living conditions of the country's citizens (health and education, *inter alia*), which legitimate peacekeeping operations.**
- Strengthening the rule of law, while respecting human rights.**

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