



MINUTES OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

THEMATIC AXIS II: PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS

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The Working Group gathered to analyze the topic of Peace Missions based on the document presented by the Republic of Peru, arriving to the following conclusions after an extensive analysis by the Delegations present:

Conclusions:

- 1.- Congratulate the Republic of Peru on the excellent presentation concerning U.N. Peacekeeping Operations, in its capacity as Rapporteur, as well as the support provided by Argentina and Brazil as co-rapporteurs.
- 2.- Incorporate the Document presented by Uruguay as a contribution to the discussion on the matter.
3. Highlight the important contribution ALCOPAZ (Latin-American Association of Peacekeeping Training Centers) makes to the improvement of efficiency and effectiveness of Peacekeeping Operations, particularly in terms of contingent interoperability.
- 4.- Consider that beyond the quota set forth by the United Nations for the inclusion of women in peace operations, their participation is crucial to make a qualitative contribution to the fulfillment of Mandates. Also, their joining the contingents is subject to the inclusion they have in the Armed Forces and the Police of Contributing Countries.
5. Welcome the proposal presented by the Argentine Delegation to conduct a workshop on "Analysis, Diagnosis and Proposals on Gender Policies in the Sphere of Defense and its Connection with Peacekeeping Operations" as it may contribute to improve the mechanisms for incorporating women to this sphere.
6. Reaffirm that, once voluntary participation of troops of Contributing Countries in peace operations has been accepted, their conduct will be subject to the provisions set



forth in the U.N. Charter, Mission Mandates, as well as in accordance with current doctrine concerning these issues.

7. Recognize the work done in the matter of stabilization and reconstruction performed by the States of the Hemisphere that contribute to Peacekeeping Operations, in particular to the U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) and its sustained commitment to such Mission, reaffirming the commitment of the Countries participating in the Thematic Table to continue contributing to the United Nations efforts towards Peacekeeping and international Security.

8- Recognize the contribution that Civilian Specialists of the American Countries, who assist Peacekeeping operations, make to the fulfillment of tasks set forth in the Mandate, taking into consideration their multi-dimensional aspect.

Recommendations

Keep working in the context of CDMA on the exchange of experiences and lessons learned on Peacekeeping Operations in order to optimize the participation of military contingents and police forces as well as Civilian Specialists of the American Countries. In witness whereof the present Minutes are signed in four original copies of the same tenor in Spanish, French, English and Portuguese languages.

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