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**STATEMENT BY BRAZILIAN MINISTER FOR DEFENSE, MR FERNANDO AZEVEDO E SILVA, TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING SESSION**

Ladies and gentleman,

Brazil, as a founding member of the United Nations, has played a significant role in Peace Operations around the world. In more than 70 years, about 46,000 Brazilian civilians and military personnel have been deployed under United Nations flag. We were present in 40 of the 72 operations deployed. Brazilian troops have worked for peace in Suez, Mozambique, Angola, East Timor and, more recently, Haiti where, for thirteen years, it has led the military component of the mission and contributed to the success achieved. Currently, Brazil participates in nine of the fourteen missions conducted by the DPO, including a contingent in the UNIFIL Maritime Task Force, which attests to our commitment to the United Nations.

Lessons learned teach us that providing troops with effective training is crucial to achieve high level performance standards on the ground. In this regard, we encourage the Secretariat to continue with the Action Plan resulting from the report of Brazilian General Santos Cruz, which is a turning point in overcoming the current operations challenges. Likewise, we support the Action for Peacekeeping initiative, a valuable tool to improve the effectiveness of the Missions.

In the training field, Brazil has been carrying out concrete actions. We participated in the updating of UN Operational Manuals, we will host the United Nations Buddy First Aid Master Trainer and the Senior Mission Leader Course, we share experiences in the courses of our Peace Operations Center, we send mobile teams and we train contingents of other countries in Triangular Partnership Projects. At this moment, I would like to announce a new pledge: we will deploy, in MONUSCO, a Jungle Warfare Experts Team.

Brazil also reaffirms its commitment to the Women, Peace and Security Agenda, demonstrated by the extension of its National Plan of Action validity for further four years, by the fulfilment of the established goals on women's participation by the United Nations

and by the recent increase in training opportunities for women. In this context, I would like to congratulate Lieutenant Commander Márcia Andrade Braga, from Brazil, for being awarded today with the Military Gender Advocate of the Year of the UN Peacekeeping Operations of 2018.

Brazil thus reaffirms its historic commitment to maintaining international peace and security and will continue to contribute to United Nations peacekeeping operations.

Thank you all for your attention.