

Delegation of the Federative Republic of Brazil

Position Paper for United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees

The issues before the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees are the concern of refugees being sexually exploited and abused by United Nations Peacekeeping troops. Brazil hopes that this conference is successful in making differences in UN Peacekeeping system that will lead to improve refugee safety.

I: More Training and Troop Vetting Ahead of Deployment

The 100,950 UN Peacekeepers are currently deployed on 20 UN Peacekeeping mission across the world and 123 countries currently provide the military troops and police forces that make up the UN Peacekeeping force. Brazil currently has 1,303 UN Peacekeeping troops provided and these statistics shows that United Nations is not having difficulties with deployment but instead training and vetting the troops according to Associated Press investigation reveals showing that more than 100 United Nations peacekeepers ran a child sex ring in Haiti over a 10-year period and none were ever jailed. The report further found that over the previous 12 years there had been almost 2,000 allegations of sexual abuse and exploitation by peacekeepers and other UN personnel around the world.

The delegation of Brazil has a long history working cooperatively with the UNHCR and refugees. Brazil had been in the process of creating a plan to lead to huge improvements such as more training and troop vetting ahead of deployment. Co-operating with United Nations and making differences in training system is going to make it more possible to eliminate non-eligible people and avoid exploitation.

In this spirit, the delegation of Brazil would look to support a resolution which enables to help provide refugees security and the political and peace building support. Brazil believes that ensuring that peacekeepers receive consistent training on the UN's "zero tolerance" policy on sexual exploitation and abuse, including clear communication about the consequences for personnel who violate this policy;

Establishing a senior position in all UN field missions to ensure best practices for both investigations and survivor protection, including coordination of UN investigations and ensuring provision of medical and psychosocial care for survivors could help to avoid all kind of violation including sexual exploitation and abuse.