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Juan Gabriel Valdès justifies the fact that the PNH was put under the MINUSTHA's control

Port-au-Prince, June 29, 2005 (AHP)- Special Representative of the United Nations' Secretary General in Haiti, Juan Gabriel Valdès, justified Wednesday the decision taken by the Security Council to give the MINUSTAH the power of control over the Haitian National Police.

According to Juan Gabriel Valdès, this decision is part of the measures taken to make the National Police of Haiti more efficient. This resolution fixes for the first time, clearly and precisely, the MINUSTAH's responsibilities towards the police institution, Mr. Valdès declared. "The MINUSTAH wants the national police to become a professional force", he said.

Different sources at the UN said these last few weeks that the world organization had serious reserves about the way the PNH was running. All operations lead by this institution, notably in populist districts of the capital, turn to a catastrophe, one of those sources pointed out.

The main question is to know the role of the PNH Higher Council or to know if Interim Prime Minister Gérard Latortue is still at the presidency.

The Security Council authorized in its last resolution on Haiti the sending of 1000 additional soldiers for the security of the country during the electoral period. That will put the number of United Nations soldiers up to 8500.

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*Former Mayor of Port-au-Prince under the military regime of General Henri Namphy, Franck Romain, said Wednesday that he intended to participate on all levels to the elections announced for this year. In an interview on channel 11, former Colonel of the Army of Haiti declared he was in favor of a dialogue between all sectors.

He had gone into hiding in the Dominican Republic for a first time after Namphy's fall in September 1988 because of the accusations against him for his presumed involvement in the massacre of Saint-Jean Bosco on September 11, 1988. He came back during the period of the September 1991 coup d'état against President Aristide, and went back to the Dominican Republic when Aristide came back from exile in 1994.
