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**Letter dated 18 January 2006 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), which was established on 1 June 2004 in accordance with Security Council resolution 1542 (2004).

Following the sad loss of Lieutenant General Urano Teixeira da Matta Bacellar (Brazil) on 7 January 2006, it is my intention to appoint Lieutenant General José Elito Carvalho de Siqueira (Brazil) to the post of Force Commander of MINUSTAH.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. **Annan**

