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## Immediate Release

### MONUSCO and CCCPA to Forge Closer Cooperation

**Cairo, Egypt** – The Cairo Center for Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA) welcomed Lieutenant General Derrick Mbuyiselo Mgwebi, Force Commander of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), at its premises, on 23 January 2017.

CCCPA Deputy Director Hatem El-Atawy presented the Center's activities, including United Nations (UN) Pre-deployment Trainings (PDT) conducted for Egyptian peacekeepers prior to their deployment to UN peacekeeping missions, including MONUSCO. The trainings are conducted in close cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Defense, in accordance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/49/37.

Discussions touched on forging closer cooperation with UN missions, with the aim of building the capacities of peacekeepers through in-mission trainings on preventing sexual exploitation and abuse, conflict related sexual violence, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, and international human rights law & international humanitarian law. CCCPA has also offered to include MONUSCO personnel in its other upcoming training activities (in addition to PDT).

In his remarks, Lieutenant General Mgwebi expressed his appreciation for CCCPA's efforts in maintaining African peace and security. In particular, he commended the Center's work related to "Preventing Radicalization and Extremism Leading to Terrorism in Africa".

CCCPA previously hosted the UN Global Training of Trainers Course on Core Pre-deployment Training Materials (October 2016) and the UN Senior Mission Leaders Training Course (June 2015), in partnership with the UN Integrated Training Service and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. The Center also hosted the African Union Senior Mission Leaders Training Course in 2014, in cooperation with the African Union.

CCCPA is an African Union Training Center of Excellence, established in 1994. The Center aims to provide "African solutions for African problems" by conducting training, capacity building and research to build African capacities in the fields of conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management, peacekeeping, peacebuilding, transnational threats, and preventing radicalization and extremism leading to terrorism.