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### Egyptian Ministry of Defense and CCCPA Continue Close Cooperation on Training of Egyptian Peacekeeping Forces

August 12th saw the conclusion of the United Nations pre-deployment training (PDT) for Egyptian peacekeeping forces. The troops will be joining the African Union/UN Hybrid operation in Darfur (UNAMID). The training, which began on 9 August 2015 (in Suez City, Egypt), was held in close collaboration between CCCPA and the Egyptian Ministry of Defense in accordance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/49/37.

As conflicts became more complex, training is not only vital, but a pre-requisite for all peacekeeping personnel to function effectively, with Egypt being one of the top troop-contributing countries to peacekeeping missions, efficient training of personnel will result in a more effective operation on the whole. ‘PDT refers to generic, specialized and, where appropriate, mission-specific peacekeeping training that is based on United Nations standards and takes place prior to deployment to a Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO)-led mission. This training is delivered by Member States to military and police personnel/units in their home country.’

The curriculum was based on UN Peacekeeping Pre-Deployment Training Standards and covered topics such as UN peacekeeping operation principles; the nature of conflict in the respective country; conflict analysis; international humanitarian law and human rights; the role of gender and women in peacekeeping, rules of engagement and civilian military cooperation.