

**Describe the significance to Peace, Security and Prosperity of a recent
UN sanctioned operation, specifically highlighting civilian/military
cooperation and leadership**



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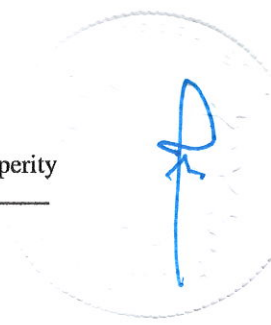
2. Introduction

The United Nations is an international organisation, currently composed of 193 Member States and is headquartered in New York, the United States, in international territory. Its mission is based on three pillars, uniting all the nations of the world to maintain and promote international peace and security, the economic and social prosperity, and the respect for human rights, based on the principles of justice, human dignity, and the well-being of all, enabling joint discussion by member states of solutions to the challenges of the world, always preserving the national interests and sovereignty. The constituents of this organization which are responsible for dealing with matters related to peace and security are the General Assembly and the Security Council, so they are responsible by the mandated of peacekeeping and peace's promotion missions, being the troops and police forces involved in these missions provided by the Member States. Currently, there are 13 UN peacekeeping operations around the world and many others have already been carried out in different countries and with different objectives.



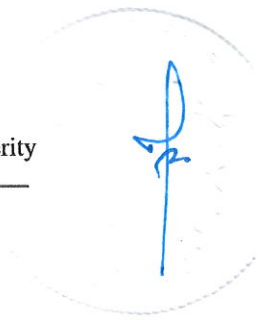
3. Submission Explanation

Our video is about the MINUSCA - United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Mission in the Central African Republic, which was mandated by the UN Security Council in 2014 and is maintained to this day due to the constant political instability in the country and the aftermath of the civil war it went through between 2004 and 2007, which culminated in the escalation of violence in late 2012, when the alliance of Seleka rebel groups formed and rose up against the government, deposing President François Bozizé, in March 2013 and taking control of the north of the country in just four months. Prior to the deployment of this mission, several neighbouring countries took measures to contain the violence in Central African Republic (CAR), and in December 2013, the African Union, with the support of several countries, including France and Portugal, and the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), deployed MISCA - the International Mission of Support to the Central African Republic. However, the scale of the problem was very high and therefore MISCA was transformed on 10 April 2014 into MINUSCA. In addition, the UN Secretary-General considered that many of the problems faced by the Central African Republic exceeded the capabilities of a UN peacekeeping operation, given the complexities of the crisis experienced by Central Africans, the absence of security and peace and the almost non-existent capacity of the state, and therefore the deployment of a UN peacekeeping operation in the Central African Republic had to include, in the long term, the cooperation of the international community and above all the collaborative commitment of Central Africans.



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5. Affidavit

We declare that we have created our video submission independently and on our own. We have clearly marked any ideas borrowed from other sources as not our own and documented their sources. The video does not contain any work that we have handed in or have had graded as a previous scientific paper earlier on.

We are aware that any failure to do so constitutes plagiarism. Plagiarism is the presentation of another person's thoughts or words as if they were our own – even if we summarise, paraphrase, condense, cut, rearrange, or otherwise alter them.

We are aware of the consequences and sanctions plagiarism entails. Among others, consequences may include nullification of the video and exclusion from participation in the PSP video competition. These consequences also apply retrospectively, i.e. if plagiarism is discovered after the video has been accepted and graded. We are fully aware of the scope of these consequences.

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