



The Question Concerning Haiti: Authorisation of a Multinational Security Support Mission, 2 October 2023

Explanation of Vote [after the vote]

Thank you, President

Since this is our first formal meeting, I begin by congratulating you on assuming the presidency of the Council, and by thanking Albania for the sterling work they carried out in the month of September.

We welcome the participation of the Foreign Minister of Haiti, and representatives of Kenya, Jamaica, and Guyana to our meeting today.

I begin by expressing our appreciation to Ecuador and the United States as co-penholders. We thank them for their tireless efforts in engaging with Council Members over the past weeks, and for striving to incorporate all perspectives and concerns in the text.

Malta voted in favour of this resolution. We did this considering the desperate situation on the ground, and the responsibility for the Security Council to respond with urgency.

We welcome Kenya's offer to consider leading the mission. We also commend all Member States who have pledged their support.

This mission must perform with exemplary standards. It must implement all aspects of the resolution, and operate fully and transparently under



international law, including human rights law, to contribute to the protection of Haiti's population. Central to this resolution's successful implementation will be its oversight and the clear delineation between the role of the security support mission and humanitarian action on the ground.

However, this mission will not resolve all the issues the country continues to face. Stabilising the security situation will require significant international support.

We also recognise the urgent need for free and fair elections to restore Haiti's democratic institutions. We reiterate our call to the Haitian Authorities to build broad and robust consensus on Haiti's political roadmap.

President

The adoption of this resolution demonstrates the seriousness with which the Security Council is prepared to act to bring peace and security to Haiti. The international community must stand with Haiti now. There is no more time to lose.

Thank you.