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Thank you, President.

I thank SRSG Salvador for her briefing. I also welcome the participation of the Prime Minister of Haiti, his Excellency Garry Conille, the Foreign Minister of the Dominican Republic, and the Representatives of Canada, Saint Kits and Nevis, and Kenya.

President

Let me begin by welcoming the significant progress made on the political front in Haiti.



The swearing in of the Transitional Presidential Council, the designation of the Prime Minister, and the installation of Haiti's new government are crucial steps to political stability. We call on all Haitian stakeholders to work together to restore democratic institutions through the holding of free and fair elections when security conditions are met.

Moreover, a Haitian-led and -owned political transition must include the full, equal, and meaningful participation of women to ensure women's voices are adequately represented.

We have also seen developments on the security front.

We welcome the arrival of the first contingent of the Multinational Security Support mission on 25 June. This is a key step in supporting the Haitian National Police to restore security in Port-au-Prince and Haiti as a whole.



We commend Kenya's leadership role and look forward to the mission's full deployment. We also commend all Member States who have pledged their support, and call for a scaling-up of financial and logistical assistance to the mission.

The MSS must act with the highest standards of conduct and discipline, based on clear human rights protocols, and with effective oversight.

President

Reports stating that children make up to 50 per cent of gang members are alarming, and highlight their increased vulnerability to abuse and exploitation.

This underscores that child protection in all the planning and conduct of the Mission's operations, as stated in Resolution 2699, is of paramount importance.



We also hope to see close coordination among the MSS, BINUH, and other UN partners.

Considering the mounting criminal activity and insecurity in Haiti, Malta strongly supports the use of targeted sanctions. We hope the Council will update the list of designated individuals and entities.

The full implementation of the arms embargo to stem the illicit flow of weapons is also key.

Meanwhile, the humanitarian and human rights situations remain dire.

Five million people suffer from acute hunger with the threat of catastrophic conditions re-emerging in areas where humanitarian access is limited due to gang violence.

Levels of displacement have soared by 60% between March and June this year, reaching nearly 580,000 people. More than half of all people uprooted from their homes are children.



Kidnappings are prevalent, with reports highlighting the horrific abuse and torture of victims. Videos of the victims have been shared on social media to force their families to pay ransoms.

Women and girls continue to be victims of systemic sexual violence, including collective rape as a tactic to spread fear or punish the population.

Malta condemns in the strongest terms the extreme violence perpetrated by gangs against the population, and those committing human rights violations must be held accountable for their crimes.

Haiti's health sector continues to be affected by gang violence further limiting people's access to life-saving care. Violence has also forced the mass closure of schools keeping nearly 200,000 children and young people from accessing education.

We sincerely thank and appreciate the efforts of our UN and humanitarian colleagues working on the ground who have put themselves in harm's way to help those most vulnerable.



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We fully support the critical work of BINUH, under the leadership of SRSG Salvador, and we will work with Council Members for a robust renewal of the Mission's mandate this month.

We hope the international community can support humanitarian operations by scaling-up contributions to Haiti's Humanitarian Response Plan which remains critically underfunded.

I thank you.