



## Security Council briefing and consultations on Haiti (BINUH), 22 October 2024

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Thank you, Madam President.

And I thank SRSG Salvador, UNICEF Director Russell, and Ms Ducéna for their briefings. I also welcome the participation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic and the Permanent Representatives of Haiti and Keyna to the chamber today.

Significant progress has been made in Haiti on the political front over the last six months. We welcome the establishment of the Provisional Electoral Council as another important step.

We urge all Haitian stakeholders to continue to build upon the progress made towards restoring democratic institutions through free, fair, and inclusive elections, before February 2026. We underscore the necessity for the full, equal, meaningful, and safe participation of women in all aspects of the political process.



Malta supports the efforts of the Multinational Security Support mission on the ground, with contingents from Bahamas, Belize, Jamaica, and Kenya. We also call on the international community to urgently scale-up financial and logistical support.

Sustainable security support is critical to ensure Haiti can overcome its long-term challenges, and we encourage greater UN involvement.

The MSS must act with the highest standards of conduct and discipline, based on clear human rights protocols, and with effective oversight, as stated in Resolution 2699.

Malta welcomes the unanimous renewal of the sanctions regime for Haiti, and the recent expansion of the sanctions list. Member States must prioritise the full implementation of the arms embargo to stem the illicit flow of arms and ammunitions into the country.

Madam President

The humanitarian situation in Haiti remains dire.



More than 5.4 million Haitians experiencing high levels of acute food insecurity. 6,000 people risk starvation.

The expansion and escalation of gang activity in Artibonite has forced farmers to abandon their land, further diminishing Haiti's food production.

The number of displaced people has soared, with more than 700,000 internally displaced. More than half are children. Healthcare remains alarmingly inaccessible, which can lead to the serious risk of epidemics, such as cholera.

Humanitarian efforts must be expanded and intensified. We call on all Member States to urgently scale up funding for Haiti's Humanitarian Response Plan which remains drastically underfunded.

The alarming levels of human rights violations in Haiti cannot be overstated.



We strongly condemn the devastating attack on Pont Sondé on 3 October, which left over 100 dead and thousands displaced.

Children suffer grave violations at the hands of gangs, including indiscriminate killing, injury, and sexual violence. Mass forced recruitment of children also puts them in grave danger and denies them access to education.

Women and girls are subjected to sexual violence, including collective rape and sexual exploitation. We unreservedly condemn these crimes.

Restoring security in Haiti must be our priority, underscoring the urgent need to support the Haitian National Police and the MSS Mission. Robust steps must also be taken to support State institutions to end impunity.

We also call on Member States to abide by the principles of *non-refoulement*, for Haitians who have sought refuge abroad.



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Madam President

As this is Malta's final quarterly meeting on Haiti, let me commend SRSG Salvador and UN colleagues working tirelessly to improve the lives of the Haitian people.

The international community has a responsibility to support Haiti on its path to peace and prosperity. To its brave and determined people, we offer our solidarity. We will continue to support your pursuit of peace beyond our Council term.

I thank you.