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Thank you Mr President

I thank Assistant Secretary-General Jenča, and Ms. Juma for their informative briefings. And Dr Pape for sharing his experience and valuable insights with us today. I also take note of the views expressed by Mr Cohen.

As Haiti continues to face numerous challenges, we reiterate our call on all Haitian stakeholders to put differences aside and work together towards expediting the political transition and the restoration of democratic institutions. We underscore the need for the full, equal, meaningful, and safe participation of women in all aspects of the political process.

Malta remains alarmed by the deteriorating humanitarian and human rights situation.



Gang control has continued to expand within the country, escalating violence, hunger, and fear. The number of displaced persons has soared to over 700,000 people.

As we have heard from Dr Pape today, healthcare in Haiti remains alarmingly inaccessible. Escalating violence and brutality, coupled with the State's weakened capacity and abilities to deliver such services, has led to the spread of diseases and preventable loss of life.

Gang violence and insecurity has also escalated the number of Haitians experiencing high levels of acute food insecurity. Humanitarian efforts must be expanded and intensified and the Humanitarian Response Plan scaled-up.

We underscore the need to fully implement UN sanctions, particularly the arms embargo, to stem the illicit flow of arms and ammunitions to gangs in Haiti.



Children continue to bear the brunt of insecurity in Haiti, including by being the victims of killings, maiming, and displacement. Hundreds of thousands have been deprived education due to closures or attacks on schools.

Up to half of gang members are made up of children, and we urgently call for their immediate release to civilian child protection actors.

Violations of women and girls' rights continue with impunity, including sexual violence and trafficking. We condemn these crimes in the strongest terms.

Malta strongly supports the efforts of the Multinational Security Support mission to provide assistance to the Haitian National Police.

We commend all Member States who have pledged their support to the Mission.



We take note of the letter from Haiti's Transitional Presidential Council asking for the transformation of the MSS into a UN peacekeeping operation.

The continued insecurity makes it clear that predictable and sustainable security support is critical for Haiti to overcome its immediate and long-term challenges.

An assessment on how best the UN can support Haiti in its current context, while ensuring safeguards are in place to prevent the recurrence of past misgivings and to promote accountability, would be important for the Council in these consultations.

I thank you.