



## **Statement**

**Delivered by H.E. Carolyn Rodrigues Birkett, Permanent Representative of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana to the United Nations during the United Nations Security Council Meeting on the Question Concerning Haiti**

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- Thank you, Mr. President
- My delegation congratulates Brazil on assuming the Presidency of the UN Security Council for the month of October.
- Guyana aligns itself with the CARICOM statement and joins in commending the penholders for their tireless efforts in bringing forward this important resolution, which authorizes a Multinational Security Support Mission to Haiti.
- The Security Council's decisive action today firmly demonstrates the international community's commitment to Haiti and to addressing the security and humanitarian concerns of her people.

- I take this opportunity to express Guyana's unwavering solidarity with the Haitian people - our Caribbean brothers and sisters - and our steadfast commitment to working with the international community in providing much-needed assistance to the Haitian National Police.
- We fully support Haiti's request for the deployment of a multinational force and applaud the Member States that have already extended support to Haiti and those that have pledged to support the Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission by contributing both human and financial resources.
- We urge that this support must be sustained once the MSS has achieved its goals to ensure that the Haitian National Police is able to effectively rebuild its resources, restore morale and encourage recruitment to facilitate the long-term sustainment of peace and stability throughout the country.
- While gravely concerned about the security situation in Haiti, we do wish to underscore that the crisis is multidimensional and requires urgent and coordinated international action along the political and economic tracks as well. These are all inextricably linked and must be addressed in tandem.
- For any solution to be successful, it must not only be comprehensive, focusing on both the security and socioeconomic challenges, but must also be Haitian-led, -owned and -focused.

- Our attention must also be **sustained** so that we are able to address the underlying and persistent challenges impeding Haiti's efforts to pursue its own development path.
- My delegation takes this opportunity to underscore CARICOM's message that all efforts oriented towards contributing to addressing the situation in Haiti must be undertaken in good faith, and must prioritize the needs and circumstances of the Haitian people. They must also be free from the influence of geopolitics or political expediency. (CARICOM Statement to UNSC on July 6, 2023).
- We also call for the Humanitarian Response Plan to be properly funded and urge humanitarian partners to massively scale up financial assistance, bearing in mind the need to invest in agriculture for food security and to strengthen the resilience of those most vulnerable. For its part, Guyana is in the process of organizing humanitarian aid in the form of food and medicine, even as we contemplate other forms of assistance and support.
- In closing, I reiterate that the international community has a crucial role to play in supporting Haiti to advance towards a better and brighter future.

I thank you.