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ON

**AGENDA ITEM 165: "FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION FOR
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Thank you Mr. Chair,

My delegation has the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the fourteen (14) Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) on agenda item 165: Financing of the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti (MINUJUSTH) for the period 16 October 2017 to 30 June 2018. CARICOM aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of El Salvador on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).

My delegation also has the honour to convey the Group's appreciation to the Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division of the Department of Management's Office of Programme, Planning, Budget and Accounts, Ms. Maria Costa, for presenting the Secretary-General's report, and to the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu for introducing the Advisory Committee's relevant report.

Mr. Chair,

CARICOM remains fully committed to assisting and advocating for our brothers and sisters in Haiti, a fellow CARICOM Member, as it progresses along its path towards sustainable peace, stability and development.

In this regard, CARICOM acknowledges with appreciation the critical support and engagement that, over the years, the United Nations has provided to the Government and people of Haiti, particularly through its Country Team and the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH).

As reported by the Secretary-General earlier this year, MINUSTAH, through its concerted efforts, has recorded many accomplishments with the Haitian Government and People, including a reduction in community violence, improvements in the implementation of international human rights mechanisms, strengthened rule of law, expansion of access to justice, and the restoration of democratic order.

CARICOM remains fully convinced that to create a lasting culture of peace that will foster democracy, the rule of law human rights and justice, it is imperative that MINUJUSTH is adequately financed and resourced in a manner that ensures that the Mission can fulfil the entirety of its mandates and consolidate the tremendous gains achieved by MINUSTAH.

Mr. Chair,

As the operationalisation of MIUNUJUSTH unfolds, CARICOM recognises that the resource requirements for the Mission for the financial period from 16 October 2017 to 30 June 2018 have been linked to its objectives through a number of results-based-budgeting frameworks, organised according to its strategic components, which include: reinforcing peace consolidation, security and stability, as well as providing political, rule of law and human rights support.

In this regard, the Group is pleased to note that specific attention is being placed on strengthening national capacities including national ownership of the electoral process, support for victims from sexual exploitation and abuse, and capacity building for the Haitian National Police.

We also welcome the Secretary-General's proposal to implement 30 quick-impact projects to meet minor infrastructure and equipment needs of the justice and security institutions, such as construction and rehabilitation of local police and court facilities. Notwithstanding this, CARICOM stresses the importance of

ensuring that the implementation of these infrastructure projects are aligned with international codes and standards, and that efforts are made to ensure their continued use and maintenance in the long-run.

Mr. Chair,

CARICOM takes note that the commitment authority for MINUSTAH for the six-month period ending 31 December 2017 did not include provision for the community violence reduction programme. CARICOM emphasizes the importance of these vital community initiatives in promoting community peace and supporting the Haitian National Police. We therefore anticipate that the Secretary-General will take the necessary steps to effectively complete these programmes at the earliest opportunity in 2018.

CARICOM underlines that MINUJUSTH's budget, like those of other peacekeeping and special political missions, should be based on the situation on the ground and the mandate approved by the Security Council, and not by artificial budgetary ceilings. Therefore, we do not encourage budgetary reductions, that are not accompanied by relevant technical justifications.

Mr. Chair,

CARICOM by no means can overstate the importance that the United Nations and MINUJUSTH plays in supporting the peace consolidation and security of Haiti, and by extension the wider Caribbean and Western Hemisphere.

CARICOM therefore reaffirms its support to the mandate of MINUJUSTH. We are committed to maintaining active engagement with the Secretariat and Member States on this important agenda item to ensure that MINUJUSTH is effectively implemented with and endowed with sufficient resources to enable its success.

I thank you Mr. Chair.