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Mr. President,

Italy aligns itself with the EU statement and thanks the High Commissioner for his update. We remain deeply concerned by the ongoing humanitarian and security crisis in Haiti. The growing control of armed gangs over wide parts of the country continues to generate widespread violence, serious human rights violations, and obstruct access to basic services, including hospitals and schools.

Italy is particularly alarmed by the impact of violence on civilians, especially women and children. Armed groups use sexual violence to terrorize communities, while children are increasingly subjected to grave violations: they are recruited and exploited by criminal gangs, abducted, sexually abused, and denied safe access to humanitarian assistance.

Amid this dire situation, we recognize the efforts of the International Community to stabilize Haiti and the engagement of the Transitional Government to restore the rule of law and strengthen the democratic institutions. We also note the importance of the role of the Multinational Security Support Mission in backing the Haitian National Police and protecting civilians.

Mr High Commissioner,

How can the international community most effectively support the Haitian government in addressing the most severe human rights violations?

Thank you.