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Mr. President,

At the outset, I would like to thank SRSG Massieu and the Acting Executive Director of UNODC Mr. Brandolino for their briefings. I also welcome the presence of the Representatives of Haiti, Mexico and the Dominican Republic in the meeting.

The adoption of Security Council Resolution 2793 offers renewed hope for the stabilization of Haiti's security situation. Alongside the GSF's efforts to dismantle gang violence, it is high time that Haitian authorities reach a political transitional agreement that will lead to the holding of free, fair and safe elections.

In view of the above, I would like to make three points:

First, we remain deeply concerned by the escalating armed violence and the expansion of gang activity beyond the capital which have a devastating impact on Haiti's economy and humanitarian situation. We condemn the human rights abuses perpetrated by armed gangs, most notably the use of gender-based and sexual violence as a punitive tactic against the population and the recruitment, use and trafficking of children. Against this grim backdrop, Resolution 2793 offers a glimmer of hope. We commend the progress made so far in the establishment of UNSOH and the deployment of the GSF, including the Force Generation Conference held in December and the appointment of Mr. Jack Christofides as the Special Representative of the GSF. We wish him all the best in his new role and reassure him of our unwavering support. We also thank all member states that have pledged personnel to the GSF.

Second, we welcome the Secretary-General's benchmarks for transitioning security responsibilities to Haiti's national authorities, particularly regarding border management and combatting trafficking in arms and narcotics. We encourage Haitian authorities to enhance their capacities in these sectors and reaffirm our support for their commitment to police development, as well as justice and correctional reform. We reiterate our call for the establishment of a national institution on Disarmament, Dismantlement and Reintegration to provide safe exit strategies, especially for children. The role of BINUH remains critical to the success of these initiatives.

Third, we acknowledge the progress in electoral preparations, including the adoption of an electoral decree and the publication of the electoral calendar aiming for elections in 2026. We particularly applaud the gender quotas mandating at least 30% women on party lists, with incentives for those reaching 50% or more. The full, equal, meaningful and safe participation of women in the elections and the broader political process is of paramount importance. Nevertheless, with the February 7 deadline for democratic transition fast approaching and with no interim solution in sight, we urge all stakeholders to intensify the inter-Haitian dialogue to agree on new transitional governance arrangements until the holding of elections, leveraging the support of regional organizations and the good offices of BINUH.

Mr. President,

As we continue to aim for an improved security environment, we urge Haitian authorities to also focus on transitional governance arrangements, electoral preparations and institutional reform. From our part, we reiterate our unwavering support for BINUH and the SRSG for their tireless work. With the Mission's mandate set for renewal at the end of the month, we remain committed to a strong and clear framework that enables BINUH to facilitate the political process and stabilization of Haiti, while complementing the work of the GSF and UNSOH.

I thank you.