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Greece's Statement delivered
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Madam President,

Thank you for convening this meeting at this critical security juncture for Haiti. I would like to thank SRSR Massieu and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator Ratwatte for their briefings.

The horrific events in Kenscoff last Sunday, are a painful reminder of the gravity of the situation in Haiti. We mourn the loss of lives and extend our condolences to the families of the victims. Armed gangs are seeking, as we saw, to maintain their grip over communities through violence, intimidation and fear. They must not succeed. The international community will respond with resolve, through efforts to restore security, dismantle criminal networks and ensure accountability for those responsible.

Madam President,

The events of last Sunday are, regrettably, far from isolated. According to BINUH's most recent report on the human rights situation in Haiti, published this week, 1,408 people were killed and 656 injured during the second quarter of 2026.

Kidnappings have risen sharply, while sexual violence, including rape and gang rape, continues to be used consistently by gang members to terrorize the population.

Against this backdrop, I would like to make three points:

First, Greece unequivocally condemns the recent massacre in Kenscoff, as well as all human rights abuses perpetrated by armed gangs in Haiti. We call for the immediate and unconditional release of all those kidnapped and stress the imperative of protecting the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the Haitian people. We are particularly concerned by the use of explosive drones, as well as by violence involving self-defense groups, which continues to result in civilian casualties.

There can be no lasting security without accountability. We therefore join the Secretary-General in calling for those responsible for serious crimes to be brought to justice, including through the recently established specialized judicial units tasked with investigating mass crimes.

Second, we reiterate our full support for the Gang Suppression Force ahead of its mandate renewal next month and remain committed to its swift and full deployment. Recent developments have once again demonstrated the urgency of addressing existing security gaps and strengthening the Force's capacity to operate effectively, including beyond Port-au-Prince. The GSF should be granted all necessary protections and status to fulfill its mandate efficiently, especially given the ferocity of the armed gangs.

At the same time, we underscore the necessity of strict compliance with human rights due diligence, particularly regarding children, who continue to bear a disproportionate burden of the violence and must be treated first and foremost as victims.

Third, we call for the full implementation of the arms embargo in order to disrupt the flow of weapons and ammunition to gangs. Strengthened border and port controls, enhanced regional cooperation and more effective action against illicit trafficking networks are indispensable.

At the same time, it is imperative to dismantle the criminal networks in Haiti that link gang leaders with circles of political power. The thorough implementation of the UN sanctions regime is critical in this regard, particularly as the country moves towards elections.

Madam President,

The violence witnessed in Kenscoff cannot become the new normal. The people of Haiti deserve security, justice and the prospect of a democratic future. We therefore call for sustained international support for the GSF and for Haitian efforts to restore security and protect the population.

At the same time, we renew our support for BINUH in its vital work to uphold human rights and assist the Government in the holding of free, fair and safe elections when security conditions permit.

I thank you.