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61/38. Technical assistance and capacity-building to improve the situation of human rights in Haiti, in connection with a request from the authorities of Haiti for coordinated and targeted international action

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and other relevant international human rights instruments,

Recalling also its resolution 52/39 of 4 April 2023, in which it requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to appoint an independent expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti, and its resolutions 55/24 of 4 April 2024 and 58/32 of 4 April 2025, in which it extended, for a renewable period of one year, the mandate of the independent human rights expert,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 2699 (2023) of 2 October 2023, by which the Council authorized the formation and deployment of a multinational security support mission in Haiti, and Security Council resolution 2793 (2025) of 30 September 2025, by which the Council authorized Member States to transition the multinational security support mission to the Gang Suppression Force,

Stressing that the primary responsibility for respecting, promoting and protecting all human rights lies with States,

Remaining gravely concerned at the security situation in Haiti, which is characterized by ongoing violence perpetrated by the armed gangs that have a stranglehold on the capital, Port-au-Prince, and control parts of several towns in the provinces, creating an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, undermining the human rights efforts of the Government of Haiti and impeding the enjoyment of human rights by the Haitian people, including the right to life, security of person and human dignity, the right to education, the right to work, the right to enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, the rights to adequate food, housing, security, clean water and sanitation as components of the right to an adequate standard of living, and the right to participate in the management of public affairs,



Remaining gravely concerned also about the correlation that exists in Haiti between, on the one hand, the power of the armed gangs and, on the other hand, physical attacks on individuals in general, including persons with disabilities and older persons and especially the systematic use of sexual violence against women, men and children, and of gender-based violence, which has a disproportionate impact on women and girls, leading to an increased risk of non-communicable diseases, in particular anxiety disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder, and communicable diseases, in particular sexually transmitted diseases, which impedes the full realization and enjoyment of human rights by the Haitian people,

Strongly condemning trafficking in children, including all forms of related exploitation, and the killing of older persons by armed gangs for whatever reason,

Recalling that the situation in Haiti has been added as a situation of concern in the 2023, 2024 and 2025 reports of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict,¹

Noting the measures taken by the Government of Haiti for the rehabilitation and reintegration of children who have been involved with armed gangs,

Remaining deeply concerned about the humanitarian crisis in Haiti, which has been exacerbated by armed gang violence and its consequences in terms of continual forced displacements, very limited access to basic services by most of the population and the blocking of humanitarian aid,

Noting that, despite the ongoing efforts of its security forces, Haiti still has neither the technical capacity, the appropriate staffing levels nor the necessary resources to effectively combat the criminal actions of armed gangs on its territory and consolidate the progress made in human rights,

Expressing serious concern at the continuing illicit trafficking of arms and ammunition, which is fuelling armed violence and human rights violations in Haiti,

Recalling the repeated requests by the Government of Haiti for coordinated and targeted international action to put an end to the multiple human rights abuses attributable to the armed gangs and to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Haiti,

Recalling also the activities carried out in Haiti by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, through the human rights component of the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti, and by the independent expert,

Recognizing the vital role of civil society in promoting and protecting human rights in Haiti and the importance of creating and maintaining a safe and enabling environment in which civil society can operate independently, protected from insecurity,

Recognizing also the key role of countries in the region, of regional and subregional organizations such as the Organization of American States and the Caribbean Community and of other international partners, in particular the support of the Caribbean Community and its Eminent Persons Group for the efforts made by Haiti to overcome the security and humanitarian situation,

1. *Welcomes* the reports prepared by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights with the participation of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti;²

2. *Affirms* the importance of effectively combating armed gang violence in Haiti and its adverse impact on the realization and enjoyment of human rights by the people of Haiti;

3. *Also affirms* the need for security to be restored in order to ensure the effectiveness of the humanitarian response, the organization of democratic elections and the restoration of democratic institutions in Haiti;

¹ [A/77/895-S/2023/363](#), [A/78/842-S/2024/384](#) and [A/79/878-S/2025/247](#).

² [A/HRC/54/79](#), [A/HRC/55/76](#), [A/HRC/57/41](#), [A/HRC/58/76](#) and [A/HRC/61/74](#).

4. *Notes* the efforts made by the Government of Haiti to restore security in the country and its renewed requests for coordinated and targeted international action to support its efforts;

5. *Calls on* the Government of Haiti to step up its efforts to ensure respect for and the promotion and protection of human rights, to strengthen the rule of law, including the judicial and prison systems, and to combat gender-based violence and discrimination, as well as corruption and impunity, by supporting national human rights institutions and continuing to implement the recommendations made and accepted during the last cycle of the universal periodic review³ and the recommendations of other United Nations bodies, in particular those relating to armed gang activity;

6. *Invites* the Haitian authorities to continue to engage in an inclusive dialogue among all the Haitian stakeholders concerned, with the aim of finding a lasting solution to the multidimensional crisis that Haiti is experiencing, including by organizing free and transparent elections with a view to restoring democratic institutions;

7. *Urges* the States Members of the United Nations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, relevant United Nations agencies and other stakeholders, within the framework of their mandates, to step up their support for the measures taken and efforts made by the Government of Haiti to combat armed gang violence and the illicit sale, importation and circulation of firearms and to ensure respect for human rights in Haiti, responding in particular to the repeated requests of the Government of Haiti for coordinated and targeted international action, including through the provision of technical assistance and capacity-building;

8. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to cooperate with the Government of Haiti by providing technical assistance and support for building the human rights promotion and protection capacities of the Haitian judiciary, security forces and prison administration, to enable it to pursue its strategy for combating armed gang activity and restoring the rule of law and to support the implementation of the recommendations made and accepted during the last cycle of the universal periodic review;

9. *Decides* to extend, for a renewable period of one year, the mandate of the independent human rights expert appointed by the High Commissioner and tasked with undertaking, with the assistance of the Office of the High Commissioner and in collaboration with the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti, the monitoring of the human rights situation in Haiti, ensuring, in particular, the inclusion of a gender perspective in all of his work;

10. *Requests* the independent expert to devote greater attention to the situation of children, women and girls and to trafficking in persons, to monitor the impact of illicit arms trafficking on the human rights situation in Haiti and to formulate recommendations to consolidate national, regional and international responses on this issue;

11. *Also requests* the independent expert to provide advice and technical assistance to the Government of Haiti, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations, including women's rights organizations, to assist in their efforts to ensure respect for and the promotion and protection of human rights;

12. *Urges* all States to strengthen measures to prevent, detect and disrupt transnational illicit arms supply chains, in line with their international obligations;

13. *Requests* the High Commissioner to provide to the Council, within the framework of an interactive dialogue with the participation of the independent human rights expert, an oral update on the situation of human rights in Haiti at its sixty-third session and a report on the subject at its sixty-fourth session;

³ See [A/HRC/50/15](#) and [A/HRC/50/15/Add.1](#).

14. *Encourages* the Haitian authorities and the Office of the High Commissioner to make progress on the issue of establishing a country office of the High Commissioner in Haiti, as suggested by the Government of Haiti during the High Commissioner's visit to Haiti from 8 to 10 February 2023;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Office of the High Commissioner the financial, technical and logistical support required for the establishment of an office of the High Commissioner in Haiti;

16. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

*55th meeting
31 March 2026*

[Adopted without a vote.]
