

**Security Council**

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**Letter dated 26 September 2023 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 22 September 2023 from the Prime Minister of Haiti, Ariel Henry, referring to the potential deployment of a multinational security support mission to Haiti and inviting me to share that document with the Security Council (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) António **Guterres**



Annex

[Original: French]

The Government of the Republic of Haiti wishes to thank the Secretary-General for his efforts to advance the question concerning Haiti at the United Nations in general and in the Security Council in particular. From the start, it has been clear that he has perfectly understood the gravity and urgency of the situation in my country, and in particular the expectations of the Haitian people.

The Government greatly appreciates the action being taken in the Security Council to ensure that a resolution authorizing a multinational security support mission in Haiti is adopted as soon as possible.

For almost a year, various regional organizations, such as the Caribbean Community, and members of the international community have been issuing appeals to find a country willing to assume the leadership of such a mission, with a view to responding to our urgent appeal for support for the Haitian National Police in their efforts to combat the unprecedented violence being perpetrated by armed gangs.

We welcome the decision of Kenya to offer to lead the mission and the commitment of other countries to contribute personnel. They have all strongly expressed their desire to obtain Security Council authorization under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations so as to be able to provide support to the mission. For them, as for us, it is either a legal or a political requirement.

It is important for the scope of the mission to be determined in the Security Council resolution. Following the assessment visit by a delegation from Kenya, we stated our hope that the multinational security support mission would ensure the security of the country's critical infrastructure, but also that it would be in a position to conduct targeted operations, in close collaboration with the Haitian National Police, who will at the same time receive practical training as part of these operations.

Furthermore, we would like the resolution to confer on the participating forces all the flexibility necessary to adapt to the evolving situation on the ground while ensuring that the scope of the multinational security support mission is sufficient to allow it to provide the Haitian National Police with the real support that they need.

All the components of the Government of Haiti, as well as the High Transition Council, remain available to work with the members of the Security Council during their negotiations aimed at adopting a resolution to enable the strengthening of security in Haiti.

I should be grateful if you would transmit the present letter to the Security Council so that it can be officially taken into account in the discussions.

(Signed) Ariel **Henry**
