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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) on agenda item 157: Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013.

I should first like to thank the Controller, María Eugenia Casar, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Mr. Collen Kelapile and the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, Ms. Carmen Lapointe for introducing their respective reports.

Mr. Chairman,

CELAC reaffirms its solidarity with the Government and people of Haiti and acknowledges the crucial role played by international efforts in the process of comprehensive reconstruction of this brother country. These efforts can be effective only with a project that is sustainable in the long term, under the guidance and leadership of the Government of Haiti and with full respect for its sovereignty.

CELAC therefore reiterates its full and strong support for giving MINUSTAH the resources needed to properly fulfill its mandate and to remain as long as it is necessary and welcomed by the Haitian Government and people, taking into account the need to strengthen national capabilities.

CELAC opposes any arbitrary reductions in the resources allocated to the mission. We underline that MINUSTAH's budget, like those of other peacekeeping missions, should be based on the situation on the ground and the mandate approved by the Security Council – most recently renewed in its resolution 2012 (2011).

In this regard, CELAC is strongly concerned about the high rate of vacancy and urges the Secretary General to redouble his efforts in order to lower the existing rate of vacancy

We are committed to helping our Haitian brothers and sisters onto the path of stabilization, sustainable peace and development. With this aim, CELAC countries are contributing most of the military personnel as well as police to MINUSTAH. We are also supporting Haiti via bilateral channels, regional organizations and the United Nations system by providing technical cooperation, humanitarian assistance, medical teams and other forms of support.

Mr. Chairman,

CELAC is firmly convinced that, in order to make a positive and lasting contribution to Haiti, the United Nations should focus not only on security aspects but also on the need to contribute to the social and economic development of the country and to institution-building, so as to achieve a stable and lasting peace, as clearly established in the renewed mandate of MINUSTAH. We thus acknowledge the important role of the Stabilization Mission, in cooperation with other actors, in responding to urgent needs in Haiti and we encourage the Mission, within the framework of its mandate, to make the best use of available means and capacities, including its engineers, to continue supporting the country's reconstruction and development efforts.

CELAC member countries express their willingness to continue working with the Government of Haiti to establish future long-term development strategies within a cohesive framework in order to achieve positive results and, if necessary, to continue contributing to peacekeeping activities.

Mr. Chairman,

In addition, CELAC welcomes the implementation of quick-impact projects and recognizes the important contribution made by these projects to mandate implementation, in particular by improving the relationship between MINUSTAH and the local population. CELAC underlines that these projects should continue being implemented in a manner convergent with the priorities of the Haitian Government.

CELAC also expresses its support for the community violence reduction program, and opposes the proposed reduction in its budget. These projects continue to play an important role in mitigating conflicts in violence-affected neighborhoods and camps for internally displaced persons and are a very important part of the Mission's mandate.

Mr. Chairman,

CELAC members have responded promptly to the Haitian authorities' requests for cooperation. The member countries of CELAC were providing aid even before MINUSTAH was established.

For these reasons, and in order to ensure that MINUSTAH has enough resources to implement its mandate, CELAC members reiterate our commitment to continue working constructively in this negotiating process with a view to providing all necessary assistance to this brother country. We urge the other Members of the United Nations to continue working for the reconstruction of Haiti.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.