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**ON BEHALF OF
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ON

AGENDA ITEM 135:

*Programme Budget for 2020- Special Political Missions:
United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH)*



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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to address this Committee on Agenda item 135, “ *Programme Budget for 2020 – Special Political Missions : United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH)*. I speak on behalf of the fourteen Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Mr. Chairman,

As this is the first time that a group statement is being made on behalf of CARICOM in this Committee since the commencement of the 74th session, we express heartiest congratulations on your appointment as Chair of the 5th Committee, and assure you of our fullest support through-out your tenure.

We wish also to express our gratitude to the Secretary-General, for his Comprehensive Programme Budget Proposal for 2020 (A/74/6), and in particular, for the consideration of the Programme Budget Proposal for the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH), and thank the ACABQ for its report.

Mr. Chairman,

The promotion and maintenance of international peace and security is a core priority for Member States of the Caribbean Community. As a group of Small Island Developing States, we are fully aware of the mutually reinforcing relationship between peace and security, both of which are essential for the attainment of sustainable growth. These fundamental pillars, on which our Organization is founded, remain at the heart of CARICOM’s Strategic Plan.

As such, CARICOM retains a vested interest in Peacekeeping Matters and Operations, recalling that for several years, United Nations Specialized forces, including a

contingent of Peacekeepers, have been assigned as a part of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), which was replaced by the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti (MINUJUSTH) in 2017 that concluded its operations in October of this year.

It is against this background that we welcome the recent adoption of Security Council Resolution 2476 (2019), to establish the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH), a successor initiative to the MINUJUSTH for an initial one-year period.

CARICOM further welcomes the appointment of Ms. Helen Meagher La Lime, as the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Haiti, and Head of BINUH. We are committed to assisting her where possible, in carrying out her responsibilities.

Mr. Chairman,

CARICOM supports the Secretary-General's proposal for the allocation of \$20,395,200 for the funding of the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti, as noted in document A/74/6(Sect.3)/Add.8. We are concerned, however, that the ACABQ has issued a recommendation for the approval of the amount of \$20,291,800.00; a reduction of the SG's proposed budget by \$103,400.00. Given the importance of ensuring the successful implementation of BINUH, CARICOM urges that the full amount be allocated to assure this outcome, as has been proposed by the Secretary General.

I thank you.