

**Joint intervention of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador,  
Guatemala, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay  
Agenda item 156: MINUJUSTH.  
Fifth Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the resumed seventy-fourth session – May 4, 2020**

Mr. President,

I have the honor to speak today on behalf of Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and my own country, Argentina, in relation to the Agenda item 156 “Financing of the United Nations Mission to Support the Justice in Haiti, MINUJUSTH”.

We would like also to thank both the Controller, Mr. Chandramouli Ramanathan, as the Chairman of the ACABQ, Mr. Abdallah Bachar Bong, for the presentation of their respective reports.

Mr. President,

Today, the countries joined under this declaration reiterate our commitment to Haiti which has begun in 2004 with the creation of the United Nations peacekeeping mission called MINUSTAH. As everybody know we are talking about a long-standing process. In a first stage, MINUJUSTH, with its limited mandate, sought to assist in the consolidation of the institutions of rule of law, the modernization of the Haitian National Police and the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. Since October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in accordance with the new mandate, the special political mission, BINUH is supporting the work of the Government of Haiti in order to consolidate of the peace and long-term development after the end of MINUJUSTH mandate.

Mr. President,

We are pleased with the unanimous support expressed by the Member States of the Security Council and we trust in the support of the entire United Nations Membership, which is essential for Haiti. The lessons learned must be taken into account and a good environmental management must be carried out at the closing of the Mission.

For this reason, we fully support the Secretary-General's assessment refers to the necessity of ensuring a responsible transition of the presence of the Organization, and the importance of continuing to provide training to the Haitian police and support them through the Country Team in a close collaboration with the Haitian Government to achieve an orderly transition. The challenges imposed by the COVID19 pandemic in Haiti make it even more imperative that the transition does not create further difficulties and that the Country Team be prepared to act in an effective manner.

Moreover, the presence of the United Nations team to assist victims of sexual exploitation and

abuse must be maintained with the necessary resources for a successful work and to prioritize the care for the victim.

In this new cycle the link between security, development and human rights will continue to be fundamental as way to achieve sustainable peace.

We therefore highlight the relevance of continuing, in its proper context and until the transition is completed, with programmatic activities and quick-impact projects, underlining the significance for the community of the work aimed at reducing community violence and supporting and promoting human rights.

Mr. President,

In this scenario, it is also essential an accurate consideration of the conditions on the ground and, of course, avoid security gaps to not regret irreparable costs in lives that it could mean.

At the end, we reiterate our commitment to Haiti, its Government and its People, reaffirming the importance of continuing to accompany this sister Nation that is sovereign of its own development.

Thank you