

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

REMARKS BY HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO, PHD., C.G.H. PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCES DURING THE LEADER LEVEL MEETING OF THE ECOSOC AD HOC ADVISORY GROUP ON HAITI

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- 1. Thank you, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, for your kind invitation to participate in this critical meeting.
- 2. I commend Prime Minister Garry Conille for his leadership as Haiti takes important steps toward longterm recovery and stability.
- 3. Just two days ago, I visited Port-au-Prince and engaged with Haitian political leaders and the Multinational Security Support Mission (MSS) personnel. I left with renewed hope.
- 4. The Haitian people and leadership are united in their determination to break from the past and chart a new future for their country.
- 5. The MSS deployment has already begun to yield significant positive outcomes. In just 100 days, we've seen the reopening of the airport, resumption of flights, and the retaking of Port-au-Prince's main hospital— reviving economic activity and hope.
- 6. To secure Haiti's future, two immediate actions are essential:
 - The UN Security Council must renew the MSS Mission mandate to ensure continued progress toward lasting security for the Haitian people. Additionally, innovative ways to resource the Mission should be explored.
 - The international community must intensify its support by contributing funds, equipment, and logistics. I thank the United States, Canada, and the other contributing partners.
- 7. I commend Haiti's leadership for supporting the MSS Mission and driving socio-economic transformation.

You can count on Kenya's unwavering solidarity as we work together to restore peace and prosperity to Haiti.

Thank you.

