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REGIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE RENEWAL AND FULL DEPLOYMENT OF THE GANG SUPPRESSION FORCE IN HAITI

*“ADVANCING SECURITY WHILE SUSTAINING PREPARATIONS FOR CREDIBLE
ELECTIONS”*

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We, the undersigned Member States of the Organization of American States (OAS), reaffirm our solidarity with the Haitian people and our respect for Haiti’s sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity. We remain committed to Haitian-led solutions and to the implementation of OAS General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 3051 (LVI-O/26).

We express our deep concern over the violence perpetrated by armed gangs and its consequences for the Haitian population. The loss of life, forced displacement, sexual violence, the recruitment of children, and impediments to humanitarian assistance and long-term socioeconomic development call for urgent and coordinated action.

We welcome the conclusions of the high-level mission led by OAS Secretary General Albert R. Ramdin to Haiti from August 16 to 19, 2026. His report to the Permanent Council confirmed that security and elections are urgent and closely connected priorities.

We express our support for the renewal by the United Nations Security Council of the mandate of the Gang Suppression Force (GSF), authorized by resolution 2793 (2025).

Renewal of the mandate must be accompanied by efforts to enable the full and consistent deployment of the GSF. We urge all partners to fulfill without delay their commitments of personnel, financing, equipment and logistical support. We encourage further voluntary contributions in accordance with respective national capabilities.

The GSF must be able to support the Haitian National Police and the Armed Forces of Haiti (FAd'H) and reinforce their capacities, in coordination with the United Nations Support Office in Haiti (UNSOH) and the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH), in accordance with their respective mandates, to achieve visible and measurable security gains. Priorities include gradually restoring lawful state authority in areas under gang control, securing access to the airport and port, restoring key transport routes, and protecting the population, including through a permanent Haitian National Police presence at strategic infrastructure sites and in areas recovered from gangs.

Such progress, accompanied by disarmament, demobilization and reintegration efforts, is essential to ensure humanitarian access, restore public services, and create the conditions for long-term socioeconomic development and opportunities for young Haitians, thereby addressing the conditions that facilitate recruitment by gangs and perpetuate instability.

All operations undertaken by the GSF and the Haitian security institutions it supports must be conducted in strict compliance with international law, including international human rights law as applicable.

In application of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2794 (2025), we call for strengthened national, regional and international action to prevent the illicit trafficking of arms and ammunition into Haiti, disrupt the financial flows and supply networks that sustain armed gangs, and hold accountable those who finance or otherwise provide material support for gang activity.

We support the restoration of democratic and constitutional order through free, fair, and credible elections in a secure environment. Security must improve while electoral preparations continue. We encourage support for civil identification, voter registration, electoral logistics and, at Haiti's request, an OAS Electoral Observation Mission.

We call for close coordination among Haiti, the OAS, the United Nations, CARICOM and other partners. The Haitian-Led Roadmap for Stability and Peace, facilitated by the OAS Secretary General, provides a framework for coordinating international support with the priorities identified by Haitian authorities and other national stakeholders and for tracking commitments.

We call on the UN Security Council to renew the GSF mandate and urge the international community to ensure its full deployment. Haiti needs urgent and coordinated action as well as measurable results.