



15 April 2024

**His Excellency
Mr. William Ruto
President of the Republic of Kenya**

Mr. President,

The signatories below, Members of the Haitian Business Community, present their compliments to his Excellency William Ruto, and commend his Excellency for his steadfast support in providing Kenyan leadership for the Multinational Security Support Mission authorized by the United Nations Security Council on 2 October 2023.

They are grateful for the international community’s stated intention to respond positively to the government of Haiti’s request in early October 2022, for robust assistance so that its Armed Forces and National Police can restore security. Security is a vital component of a state’s socio-economic development. There cannot be any meaningful investments without security. Whereas, Haiti’s capital region as well as its most important agricultural area are besieged by well-armed gangs, who impede the free flow of persons and goods within the country’s 10 departments.

The undersigned organizations welcome the United Nations Security Council’s adoption of Resolution 2699 on 2 October 2023, which authorized the deployment of a Multinational Security Support Mission (MSSM). Thus, we thank the Government and people of Kenya in general, and His Excellency President William Ruto in particular, for their willingness to lead the MSSM.

The undersigned recognize that the Haitian security forces lack adequate human and material resources to undertake the arduous task of restoring security immediately to enable the transitional government to implement its roadmap, which includes economic recovery, assistance to the resettlement of the more than 300,000 displaced people as well as institutional reforms and holding democratic, free and fair general elections. Therefore, Kenya’s leadership will be crucial to help Haiti’s security forces defeat the gangs, secure critical infrastructures and assist with the preparation and initial implementation of a national security plan, including setting up a National Security Council.

The stability that the Kenyan led assistance will help to achieve will enable the crippled Haitian economy, from years of mounting insecurity and forced to downsize to a fraction of its installed capacity and capabilities, to quickly ramp up production & employment to ensure that all stabilization efforts are sustained with reliable and steady *socio-*economic

growth and employment.

The undersigned Members of the Haitian Business Community remain extremely concerned about the unfortunate delay to deploy the MSSM, more than six months after the adoption of Resolution 2699, less than three months from the end of its initial nine-month mandate, next July 2nd.

In light of the imminent formation of the Haitian broad based-inclusive transitional government expected in the days to come, the undersigned members of the business community look forward to welcoming the Kenyan forces in a relatively short order.

The undersigned avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to His Excellency the assurances of its highest consideration.

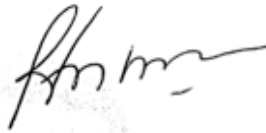
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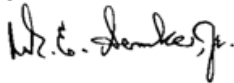
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